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Murray State College

January 14, 2019

Upcoming Events

Welcome Back!

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

- Spring Semester Classes Begin
- Fitness Center Reopens- 11 a.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Seminole State
MSC Gym, Tishomingo-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Seminole State
MSC Gym, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Connors State College
Warner, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Connors State College
Warner, OK-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- Campus Closed
- Women's Basketball vs. NOC-Enid
MSC Gym, Tishomingo-5:30 p.m.
- Spring Musical Auditions
Fine Arts Building, Room 112- 6 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. NOC-Enid
MSC Gym, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

Auditions for the MSC Spring Musical scheduled for January 21

Auditions for the Spring Musical, *She Loves Me*, will be held January 21 at 6 p.m. in room 112 of the Fine Arts Building. All students interested in being part of this fun ensemble show are encouraged to audition. Those auditioning are asked to please bring a song to sing that shows off your voice. There will also be a script reading of the play. For more information about the play and the auditions, visit <https://sway.office.com/nRDzRopbDvU3QJF8?ref=email>. If you have questions, contact Susan Yeager at syeager@mscok.edu, or 580-504-8320.



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Better Together

Welcome! Members of the Interfaith Committee are looking forward to another fun and educational semester and will be continuing the Better Together column which began last semester. For those who are new to Murray, last year we received a grant from the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC). They were founded with the idea that religion should be a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division and a main tenet is the respect and inclusion of all beliefs. Murray State College used the grant for a number of interesting events last semester including a fascinating field trip and a celebration of the Harvest Moon Festival.

More exciting events are planned for this semester, so continue looking for updates and information in future editions of the AggieLite. In keeping with the IFYC goal of respecting all beliefs, this semester's Better Together columns will present a brief overview of a different religion or belief system each week. Even though there are 15 more weeks of school this semester, the column will only be able to hint at the vast number of religions practiced throughout the world, but if you want to learn more about different religions, you need only visit the library. The committee utilized the last of the grant money for the year to purchase over 120 books on different belief systems (and that still did not cover all of them!).

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Special News

MSC, Ardmore Family Literacy receive grant to increase high school equivalency diplomas

Murray State College and Ardmore Family Literacy (AFL) have received a grant from Oklahoma's Department of Career and Technology Education to increase the number of adults in counties of Carter, Murray, Johnston, Marshall, Love and Bryan who complete the High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). The grant will provide funding for fiscal years 2019-2022.

The primary goal of AFL is to assist adults in successfully completing their High School Equivalency Diplomas, with a substantial amount of time also invested in emphasizing job readiness or enrollment in post-secondary programs depending on student goals.

"Our work with Ardmore Family Literacy to improve education and employment opportunities for community members is very rewarding. I believe that education is the great equalizer, and we work on a daily basis to assist students of all ages at all levels in reaching their education and career goals," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Ardmore Family Literacy currently serves more than 30 students per year, and grant funding will allow an increase to provide service to 60 students per year. Services focus on basic literacy and academic skills such as reading, writing, mathematics, and English language skills. In addition to instruction, the program addresses learning problems, social development, educational and career planning and offers help with financial aid applications.

"It is very exciting to partner with MSC to facilitate this grant. It's going to allow us to serve more adults and ultimately help make the transition from high school equivalency completion to a brighter future for many southern Oklahoma adults," said Ardmore Family Literacy Executive Director Leslie Kutz.

For information on how to begin the process of earning a High School Equivalency Diploma, contact Ardmore Family Literacy at 580-798-6176, ardmorefamilyliteracy.com, or lkutz@abblc.org. Offices are located at 223 W. Broadway in downtown Ardmore.



(left) Leslie Kutz and MSC President Joy McDaniel

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Aggie women's and men's basketball begin year with pair of victories, losses

The Murray State College women's and men's basketball teams began 2019 with a pair of home victories against Western Oklahoma State College January 7, but suffered losses on the road to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College January 9.

The MSC women's game against Western Oklahoma State College saw the Aggies fall behind early in the first quarter, but they were able to come from behind to take a 33-27 lead at halftime. Led in scoring by sophomores Aaliyah Endsley, Toni Greene, and Hannah Wade, the Aggies continued to maintain their lead in the second half of the game to win 68-63. Endsley led the team in scoring with 16 points, Greene scored 13 and Wade added an additional 11 points to help the Aggies win their second straight conference game.

In the men's game versus Western Oklahoma State College, the Pioneers led the Aggies 32-24 at halftime thanks to the play of their 6'7", Division I transfer Damien Sears who had 18 points and 10 rebounds in the game. Murray State College rallied to pull ahead in the second half, ultimately winning the game 69-67. The Aggies were led in scoring by freshman Adam Nance with 18, followed by sophomore Lloyd Daniels with 17 and freshman Kyle Murray with 15 points. Freshman center Adam Gouro also came off the bench to add nine points and nine rebounds to help the Aggies defeat the Pioneers and remain undefeated in conference play.

Both Aggie teams then traveled to Miami, Oklahoma to take on Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on January 9. The Aggie women's team fell behind early in the game, and trailed the NEO Lady Norsemen 34-23 at halftime. Despite 15 points and six rebounds from MSC Sophomore Aaliyah Endsley and 10 points from Freshman Kes Reeves off the bench, the Aggies were unable to catch NEO in the second half, falling 68-55.

Later that evening, the MSC men faced a NEO Golden Norsemen team which was coming off a two-game winning streak before the holiday break. The Aggies started strong thanks to redshirt sophomore forward Derek Guest, who finished the game with 19 points, and freshman forward Karey McLeish, who scored 14 points and had five rebounds. NEO pulled ahead in the second half and maintained their lead late to win the game 81-67.

As a result of last week's games, the Aggie women and men's basketball teams move to 2-1 in NJCAA Region II. Next, both Aggie teams welcome conference rivals Seminole State College to Tishomingo on Monday, January 14 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Aggie baseball ranked #15 & #16 nationally in early preseason polls

The Murray State College Baseball team is already garnering national attention after being ranked in the top 20 in two different national pre-season polls. The Aggies were ranked 15th nationally in the NJCAA Division II JBB poll by Collegiate Baseball Scouting Network and 16th in the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Association 2019 Pre-Season Division II poll. The Aggies open the spring season February 1 in Beeville, Texas versus Coastal Bend College, before playing their first home game at The Ranch February 15.



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TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.
- Student Government Association Meeting
Student Services Bldg., Room 202- 6 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 6:30 p.m.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

- CFFA Presentation, Special Agent Rushing
Library/Science Bldg., Room 111- 12 noon
- Women's Basketball at NOC-Tonkawa
Tonkawa, OK-5:30 p.m.
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1098T Tax forms for 2018 tax year now available

The 1098T tax forms for the 2018 calendar year are now available for download through the website www.1098TForms.com. These forms provide crucial information about educational expenses that may qualify students, or students parents if the student is still a dependent, for education-related tax credits when filing 2018 taxes. These tax credits include the Lifetime Learning Credit and the American Opportunity Credit for up to \$2,000 and \$2,500.



ELIGIBLE FOR TAX CREDITS?

A link to the 1098T website is also available on the Business Services page of the MSC Website, http://www.msoc.edu/administration/business_services.aspx For more information or questions, please visit the Business Office on the first floor of the Student Services Building or call 580-387-7210.

Better Together

This column's first discussion of religion covers Zoroastrianism and Judaism. Evolving in the Middle East approximately 3,000 years ago, Judaism is monotheistic, a religion with a single god, while many other religions at the time were polytheistic, having many gods. Zoroastrianism is the world's oldest monotheistic religion and is still practiced today by a small number of adherents, called Parsis (sometimes spelled Parsees) who live mostly in Iran and India. Zoroastrianism was revealed by Zoroaster, also known as Zarathushtra, in Persia during the second century BCE. One of the most important tenants of Zoroastrianism is that Ahura Mazda, the god of light and wisdom, is in a constant battle with evil. It also claims people have free will and can choose to support Ahura Mazda by living an ethical life and practicing good deeds. In doing so, they ensure happiness and work to rid the world of evil. There are several writings central to the religion such as the Avesta, the worlds oldest surviving religious text, that still guide followers of Zoroastrianism today.

As in Zoroastrianism, followers of Judaism also recorded laws and guidelines given to them by their God. This is one of the many ways Judaism was influenced by Zoroastrianism and one of multiple cases in which religions share similarities. A main aspect of Judaism is the covenant God made with the Jewish people, promising to care for and protect them if they followed his guidelines, details which are recorded in the central text of the religion, the Torah. The Torah is part of a larger text known as the Tanakh or the Hebrew Bible, and later texts such as the Midrash and the Talmud. Most Jews believe the texts of the Torah were written by Moses and the covenant is often called the Mosaic or Sinatic (after Mount Sinai) covenant. Jewish festivals, known as Yamim Tovim meaning "good days, include Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur and all demonstrate love, respect, and obedience to God. Currently, Judaism is the world's tenth largest religion, with several variations practiced worldwide.

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Murray State Livestock Judging Team brings home top national honors

Members of the Murray State College Livestock Judging Team won top honors at the 2018 Arizona National Livestock Show in Phoenix, Ariz. Murray State's Sophomore Livestock Judging Team, led by coach Blaine Red, was named High Team Overall, and High Team for Swine, sweeping the late December contest with a second place wins in categories of cattle and reasons, and third place for sheep/goats. The MSC freshman judging team placed fifth overall.

The contest, considered a major event in the world of agriculture, began in 1948 and attracts participants and contestants from across the United States. The non-profit organization is dedicated to supporting youth and promoting livestock and agriculture while preserving western heritage.

Student members of the Murray State judging team are selected and recruited for their skills and backgrounds. Most have experience with 4-H and/or FFA and plan to pursue a career in agribusiness or agricultural education.

"This is a select group which certainly has lived up to their reputation for exemplary skills and commitment. They work extremely hard and it shows," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Murray State College sophomore judging team member JB Bell placed third overall as an individual and first in sheep/goats. Braden Allen placed fifth overall, first in swine and fourth in sheep/goats. Jared Roach came in eighth overall and second in reasons. Emma Meeks placed ninth overall and fourth in cattle. Bailey Hatley won fourth place in swine. Freshman Alyssa Bowen placed 10th overall and second in cattle, with freshman Dylan Hardwick placing 12th overall.

"I'm extremely proud of this year's team members. They have accomplished so much, and it will be amazing to see what they continue to achieve," said coach Blaine Red.



(from left): Coach Blaine Red and sophomore team members Bailey Hatley, Oroville, Calif., JB Bell, Madill, Okla., Emma Meeks, Dickson, Okla., Braden Allen, Silo, Okla., Jared Roach, Mapleton, Utah and Kaylee Piatt, Yuba City, Calif.

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Aggie basketball teams continue season on the road and at home.

The Murray State College women's and men's basketball teams began the first week of the spring semester by hosting Seminole State College January 14.

The Aggie women's team was led in scoring by sophomore Hannah Wade with 14 points and freshman Andressa Nascimento with 12 points. Murray State College started strong to lead the SSC Belles 18-14 after the first quarter and held on to a slight 36-35 lead at halftime.

Despite the Aggies expanding their lead to five points by the end of the third quarter, Seminole State College was able to take over the lead in the 4th quarter. They out scored the Aggies 29 to 15 in the fourth quarter to ultimately win the game 80-71.

Next, the Aggie men's team took the court to face a Seminole State College team which came to Tishomingo with a four-game winning streak. The Aggies fell behind early and trailed the Trojans 33-39 at halftime. Freshman forward Karey McLeish led the Aggies with 20 points, including five three pointers, and fellow freshman Kyle Murray added another 11 points in the game which saw the Aggies rally to within five points in the fourth quarter. The Trojans ended up pulling away late in the game to beat the Aggies 69-59.

Both Aggie teams then traveled to Warner, Oklahoma to take on the Connors State College Cowgirls and Cowboys on January 17. The Aggie women jumped to an early lead, but Connors State was able to rally in the second quarter to tie the game at 21 going into halftime. The Aggies were led by sophomore Aaliyah Endsley who had 20 points and five rebounds in the game. The last minutes of the game saw lead changes and a tie as Connors turned the ball over while holding a two-point advantage with 38 seconds remaining. Murray State missed a quick three-point shot and fell behind 55-52 when Connors' Vicky Duru, made 1-of-2 free throws after being fouled. On the subsequent play, Murray State College sophomore Toni Greene drained a three pointer to tie the game at 55 with 9.8 seconds left. Unfortunately Connors State's Cheyenne Marshall responded by scoring her only 3-point attempt of the night with 2.8 seconds remaining to propel the cowgirls to a 58-55 win over the Aggies.

The Aggie men's team also faced a close game late, after coming back from a 11-point deficit to tie the game at 52 with less than three minutes remaining in the game. The Cowboys answered with six straight points. Late baskets by Murray State College freshman Shem'mario Stephens, who led the Aggies with 23 points and sophomore Lloyd Daniels, who scored 15 points in the game, were not enough to catch Connors State as the Aggies lost 62-58.

January 21st, the Aggie women hosted Northern Oklahoma College-Enid who came to Tishomingo on a 14-game winning streak and undefeated in conference play. The Jets jumped out to an early lead and ultimately won the game 94-55. In the second game of the night, the Murray State College men's team led Northern Oklahoma College-Enid 44-37 at halftime. The Aggies had four players score in double digits in the game, including 20 points each from Daniels and redshirt sophomore Derek Guest and 19 points from Stephens. The Jets were able to retake the lead in the second half after dominating the game behind the three point line, scoring 13 three pointers. Despite a late rally by the Aggies in the second half, Northern Oklahoma College-Enid was able to hold on to win the game 90-83.



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January 28, 2019

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MONDAY, JANUARY 28

- East Central Univ. Recruiter on Campus
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Redlands CC
El Reno, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Redlands CC
El Reno, OK-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

- Women's Basketball at MACU
Oklahoma City, OK- 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

- Southeastern Recruiter on Campus
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- Aggie Ambassadors Meatball Sub Fundraiser
United Church of Tishomingo-11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Baseball at Coastal Bend College
Beeville, TX- 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- Baseball at Coastal Bend College
Beeville, TX- 12 noon
- Baseball vs. San Jacinto College North
Beeville, TX- 3 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



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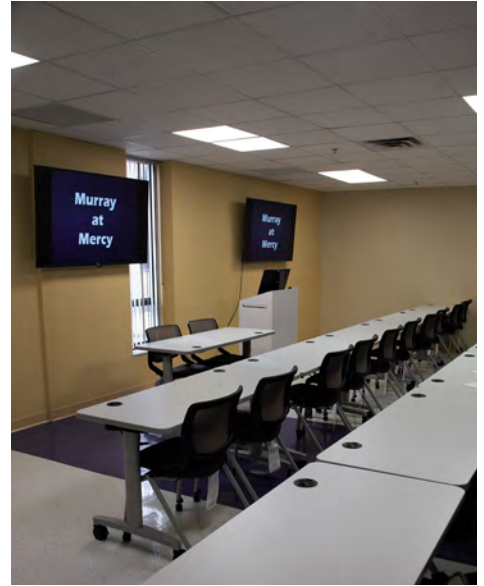
New Murray at Mercy nursing program begins class in newly renovated facility

Representatives from Murray State College and Mercy Hospital met Thursday, January 24 to tour and celebrate the beginning of the “Murray at Mercy” nursing program at Mercy Hospital in Ardmore. The idea for the joint partnership, offering a nursing program on-site at Mercy Hospital, arose from the constant need for additional nurses to enter the career field. To help fight the nursing shortage and provide a more continuous stream of trained nursing applicants, the Murray at Mercy program will graduate students each December. The Murray at Mercy program also helps fill a vacancy for nurse training in Ardmore which was created when East Central University discontinued their nursing program at the University Center of Southern Oklahoma.

Thanks to the Mercy Hospital Foundation dedicating over \$230,000 for renovations associated with the new program, Mercy Hospital-Ardmore and Murray State College were able to first announce the unique new education partnership in 2018. Work began shortly after to renovate a section of the hospital’s old Intensive Care Unit floor into a small education facility, complete with faculty offices, simulation labs and lounges for students and faculty.

The new facility was designed with additional electric outlets in teaching and lounge areas to provide for the use of additional laptops and other electronics for teaching and studying.

The inaugural Murray at Mercy nursing program accepted 15 students this first year, with plans to expand and accept up to 20 new students in subsequent years. The 2019 class of students, who started their first day of the program January 14, are scheduled to complete the two-year program in December 2020. This year’s cohort of Murray at Mercy students include six who are currently employed at Mercy Hospital in Ardmore as respiratory therapists, technicians and other related jobs. Once fully implemented, the Murray at Mercy program, in conjunction with Murray State College’s current traditional nursing and career mobility programs which graduate students in May each year, will make 80 to 90 new registered nurses available to fill vacancies in this high demand field each year.



Better Together

The religion most familiar to people in our area, Christianity, has its origins in Judaism with the two religions sharing many theological concepts and scriptures. Today, with about 2.4 billion adherents, Christianity has more followers than any other religion. It is based on the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, also called Jesus Christ, who was born about 2,000 years ago and lived as a Jew in Roman-occupied Palestine. His active ministry and recorded teachings lasted about three years and like many prophets before him, he made an urgent plea to turn to God and taught a message of love and justice for the poor and liberation for the oppressed. While in his 30’s the Romans charged him with treason and put him to death. His followers reported that three days later he was resurrected from the dead and that he continued to lead them for 40 days before ascending into heaven. Christianity is the only major religion to place such emphasis on the death of its founder and followers see this event as pivotal importance to its ideas and ethos. The Christian scriptures, which include stories of the life and teachings of Jesus, the subsequent actions of his apostles, and the teachings of one of the earliest converts, Paul of Tarsus, have been translated into a multitude of languages as the Gospel, the “good news” of Christ’s message.

Jesus left us no writings, nor did anyone write about him until many years after his death. The small group of disciples who followed him spread his message and created communities of faith, first among Jews, then among adherents of other faiths. Started in the Mediterranean regions, Christianity was limited to the Greco-Roman world in the first three centuries, but throughout the fifth and seventh centuries it spread to northern Europe and eventually worldwide. The great diversity of Christianity is one of its most striking characteristics.

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Special News

Murray State College to celebrate African American History Month

In February, Murray State College will be celebrating African American History Month with a number of events including guest speakers, movie presentation, and a weekly column in the Aggielite.

The celebration of African American History Month began in 1925. Harvard-educated historian, Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) and presented the first African American History Week during the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Subsequently, black history clubs began all over the country and teachers began to incorporate lessons on black history in their teaching during the month. In 1976, America's bicentennial, the celebration was officially extended to a month. Information about African American history is now widely available on websites such as the Library of Congress, the National Gallery Art, the Smithsonian and especially at the National Museum of African American History and Culture.



This year, Murray State College is emphasizing the brilliance of African American mathematicians as part of its commemoration of African American History Month. The celebration will begin on Thursday, February 7 at the University Center in Ardmore and on MSC's campus in Tishomingo, with an exciting presentation by author and educator Jennifer Lindsey. The public is invited. On Wednesday, February 13 a field trip to Langston, OK is planned to tour the historically black college and town. Schools like Langston once provided some of the only places that African American mathematicians could practice their art. On Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m., the Indie Theater in downtown Tishomingo will show the award-winning film *Hidden Figures*. The event is free and open to the public and guest speakers will discuss the significance of the movie as well as the history of African American mathematicians. Check the Aggielite for details about each event and interesting articles about African American mathematicians written by your fellow students each week in February!

Murray State College Aggie Ambassadors selling meatball subs to raise money

Murray State College Aggie Ambassadors are selling meatball sub-sandwich lunches to be picked up or delivered February 1st. Each lunch will include a six-inch meatball sub, bag of chips, dessert and a drink and will cost \$8. Money raised by the event will go toward helping members fund a leadership trip this spring. Orders can be made anytime between now and the event with members of the Aggie Ambassadors or in SS116. The meals will be available for delivery, pick up, or dine in on Friday, February 1st between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Those dining in or picking up the meals will need to come to the United Church of Tishomingo located at 301 W 8th Street.

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MSC basketball teams continue conference play on the road

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The Aggie women's team came into the game two and four in Oklahoma Collegiate Athletic Conference play and on a four-game losing streak after winning their first two conference games. The Aggies struggled to get points on the board early allowing Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa built a 40-27 halftime lead. Murray State College came out of the locker room energized and was able to cut the lead to 64-57 midway through the final period. The Aggies were led in scoring by sophomore Maddie Jessepe with 11 points and fellow sophomores Hannah Wade and Aaliyah Endsley each added 10 points. Wade also lead the team with 14 rebounds to complete a double-double for the game. Despite the Aggies late rally, the Lady Mavericks were able to outscore them 11 to five in the final four minutes to win the game 75-62.

The Aggie men faced a NOC-Tonkawa team that had only lost one game at home all season and was averaging over 10 three-pointers per game in conference play. The Mavericks pulled ahead early thanks to a barrage of three-point shots from sophomore Omar Boon who finished the game with 11 three pointers and a career high 41 points. Despite the NOC sophomore's high-scoring night, the Aggies continued to keep the game close, led by freshman Shem'mario Stephens who led the team with 25 points and redshirt sophomore Derek Guest who added 14 points. In total, four Aggies scored in double digits, including freshman Karey McLeish with 14 and sophomore Lloyd Daniels with 12 points.

In the second half, Murray State College cut a double-digit NOC lead to seven points before the Mavericks went on a 18-point run to close out the game 104-85.

Both Murray State College teams travel to El Reno to take on Redlands Community College today, Monday January 28. The Redlands women's team will be coming into the game on a three-game winning streak, while the Redlands men's team will be looking for their first conference win.



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- Softball vs. Paris Junior College
Softball Field, Tishomingo- 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

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Special News

MSC Collegiate FFA hosts presentation by Oklahoma game warden, February 6

The Murray State College Collegiate FFA is hosting a presentation by Game Warden Ty Runyan of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation on Wednesday, February 6. The presentation will be held at noon in Room 111 of the Library/Science Building with pizza being provided by the MSC CFFA.



Game wardens are some of the most recognized members of the wildlife conservation team in Oklahoma. Their primary job is to enforce the state's fish and wildlife laws to ensure that all sportsmen and sportswomen continue to have opportunities to hunt and fish for years to come.

Game wardens perform the necessary duty of arresting violators as a vital tool in conserving and managing Oklahoma's wildlife. In addition to enforcing laws, game wardens have many other duties including helping biologists in their study of wildlife or fisheries problems and using that information set season dates and limits for hunting and fishing seasons in Oklahoma. They also frequently help teach hunter education courses and fishing clinics.

Better Together

In the first few centuries of its existence, Christianity evolved and expanded. By the second century, the word Catholic was being used to describe this new religion. The word catholic translates to mean universally prevalent or applicable and followers of Christianity at that time wanted a religion that was open to all. At 2000 years old, the Catholic Church is the oldest institution in the western world. Catholics have faith in Jesus Christ who, they believe, passed his knowledge and leadership to Saint Peter, who became the first Pope or head of the church. Catholic doctrine is based on the Christian scriptures and on the church's own traditions. They believe these church doctrines were revealed to the apostles and remain in practice today. At the same time, Catholic viewpoints and teachings have maintained the flexibility to change with world circumstances.

There are several doctrinal differences between the Catholic Church and later Christian churches. In the first few years of Christianity, some men and women removed themselves from society and began a monastic tradition with the goal of living more holy lives. This tradition greatly influenced European culture until the Reformation. Catholics revere the Virgin Mary, mother of Christ, and believe she intercedes between God and His people. Catholics believe in saints, who also can act as intercessors. Also, the church recognizes seven sacraments, one of the most important being the Eucharist, which takes place during mass and involves a priest repeating the words spoken in the story of the Last Supper and the bread and wine in front of him becomes the body and blood of Christ (transubstantiation). Today, 1.3 billion Catholics throughout the world still follow these beliefs.

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Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson

Katherine Johnson was a female African American mathematician whose orbital mechanics calculations as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the United States first and many subsequent manned spaceflights. She paved the way for all African-American females who have a dream of working for NASA. When asked to discuss what she felt was her greatest contribution to space exploration, Johnson talked about the calculations she worked on that helped synchronize Project Apollo's Lunar Lander with the moon-orbiting Command and Service Module.

In her time at NASA, Johnson also worked on the space shuttle, earth resources satellite projects, and authored or coauthored 26 research reports. She retired in 1986, after 33 years at NASA in Langley, Virginia. "I loved going to work every single day," she said at the time. In 2015, at the age of 97, Katherine Johnson added another extraordinary achievement to her long list when President Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor.

Date of Birth: August 26, 1918
Hometown: White Sulphur Springs, WV
Education: B.S., Mathematics and French, West Virginia State College, 1937
NASA Employee: 1953- 1986



Student Success Center releases Spring 2019 tutor schedules

The Student Success Center has released their spring 2019 tutor schedules for Tishomingo and Ardmore. The schedules include the availability of writing, math, and science tutors as well as study leaders. Study leaders have been trained to develop and lead structured study groups and are currently leading several sessions. Within the next month, the Student Success Center also plans to add one or two more daytime math tutors as well as financial literacy counselors. The Student Success Center offers free tutoring services to any student needing assistance. For more information visit the Student Success Center's tutoring page at http://www.msoc.edu/academics/student_success_center/tutoring.aspx.

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Prices range from \$10-\$20 and there are seven choices to suit everyone's taste!

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If you or a loved one are interested in participating, or would like more information, please call (918)-660-3675 and ask for Cassandra Camp, study coordinator.

Tribal Researcher: Joy Standridge, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services, (580)-310-6463

AGGIE ATHLETICS

MSC womens basketball goes 1-1 on road, while men drop close game to Redlands last week

Following both teams dropping hard-fought games to Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, the Murray State College women's and men's basketball teams continued conference play on the road last week with games versus Redlands Community College, January 28. The Aggie women then traveled to Oklahoma City to take on the Mid-America Christian University Evangels on January 30.

The Aggie women's team came into their first game last week two and five in Oklahoma Collegiate Athletic Conference play. The Aggies jumped out to an early eight-point lead in the first quarter and remained in the lead until Redlands gradually pulled themselves within striking distance, then pulled ahead to lead the Aggies 31-30 at halftime. The game remained close throughout the second half, thanks to the strong defensive efforts of Redlands, who ended the game with six blocks, 12 steals and 27 defensive rebounds. The Aggies responded with several rallies late, led by sophomores Maddie Jessepe with 23 points, Hailey Belvin with 17 points and Hannah Wade with 16 points and 10 rebounds. The combination of Redlands tough defense and consistent offense was too much to overcome in the end with Redlands winning 74-70.



The Aggie men also entered their game versus Redlands Community College two and five in the conference and looking to get back on a winning track. Both teams began the game with a series of offensive runs with Redlands pulling ahead to lead 38-34 at halftime. The Aggies were led in scoring by sophomore Lloyd Daniels with 36 points. MSC forward Adam Nance added 16 points and 10 rebounds and fellow freshman Shem'mario Stephens had 12 points and seven rebounds. The Aggies were able to outscore Redlands in the second half, but ultimately ended up falling to Redlands 82-84 in a game that came down to the final minutes.

The Murray State College women's team got back to their winning ways on January 30 in a rematch against Mid-America Christian University on the road in Oklahoma City. The Aggies dominated the first half to lead by 30 points at halftime. Led by Wade with 17 points and fellow sophomore Toni Greene with 12 points, the Aggies also saw 6' 6" sophomore Fama Gueye come off the bench to add 10 points in a game which all Aggie starters and reserve players scored. The Aggies continued to dominate in the second half, winning the game 89-60.

Both Murray State College teams travel to Wilburton to take on Eastern Oklahoma State College today, Monday, February 4, before continuing their string of road games with games versus Western Oklahoma State College on February 7 in Altus.

Ranked #13 nationally, MSC Aggie Baseball opens season on the road

The Murray State College baseball team, ranked #13 in the first NJCAA poll, began the year with a trio of games versus Coastal Bend College and San Jacinto College North in Beeville, Texas on February 1 and 2. The Aggies won their first game of the season eight to one versus Coastal Bend thanks to four RBI's from sophomore Austin Garrett. Pitchers Billy Wall, Wyatt Marr, Aaron Jonas, and Thomas Davenport also combined for zero earned runs. The Aggies then beat Coastal Bend eight to six in 11 innings the following day. That afternoon, the Aggies faced a San Jacinto North team which took an early six-run lead in the second inning and held on to hand Murray State College its first loss, 13 to three. The Aggies are now 2-1 on the season and return to action Thursday, February 7 versus Seminole State College in Seminole.



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February 11, 2019

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- UCO Recruiter on Campus
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. NE Okla. A&M
MSC Gym, Tishomingo- 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. NE Okla. A&M
MSC Gym, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- Softball vs. Carl Albert State College
Softball Field, Tishomingo- 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Baseball at Arkansas Baptist College
Clarksville, AR- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- SGA Meeting
SS 202- 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- Langston Field Trip
Leaving Tishomingo-8:30/ Ardmore-9:15 a.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

- Women's Basketball at Seminole State College
Seminole, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Seminole State College
Seminole, OK-7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- **Financial Aid Disbursement**
- Softball at Ft. Scott Community College
Ft. Worth, TX- 9 a.m.
- Softball at Heston Community College
Ft. Worth, TX- 11 a.m.
- Legislative Luncheon
Aggie Dinning Room, Tishomingo, - 12 noon
- Softball at Ranger College
Ft. Worth, TX- 5 p.m.
- Baseball vs. TCS Post Grad
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- Softball at Indian Hills CC- Centerville
Ft. Worth, TX- 9 a.m.
- Baseball vs. TCS Post Grad
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Softball at Vernon College
Ft. Worth, TX- 3 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

Veterinary Technology Program Career Fair, March 12

The Murray State College Veterinary Technology Program is holding a Career Fair Day on March 12 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom. This career fair was designed to give college students the opportunity to learn about internships and career opportunities from recruiters representing top private and corporate veterinary specialty hospitals, clinics, emergency centers, research facilities and zoos in Oklahoma and Texas. Recruiters will be given a chance to network with students from the veterinary assistant certificate program, veterinary technology program and pre-veterinary medicine.



The objective is to connect top professionals seeking to hire entry-level candidates with students preparing to graduate and enter the career field. Veterinary students are strongly encouraged to participate, but this career fair is open to all who would like to attend.



Pi Society
Softball Tournament
Co-Ed & Double Elimination
Saturday- March 9, 2019
Tishomingo Sports Complex

Team Entry: \$150 (Max 15 players per team)
Team Ratio: 7 men & 3 women
Admission: \$1

Checks Payable to MSC Pi Society
Early Bird Registration: \$150 by February 23, 2019
Registration: \$200 by March 2, 2019

Registration:
Kendra Parker -405.314.8371
Laura Wright- 405.331.0258

Winning team receives gift basket with over \$500 in gifts

Home Run Derby
\$20 per person

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Men- Core 44
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Better Together

Although early eastern and western Christians initially shared the same beliefs, the two traditions began to divide following the seventh Ecumenical Council in 787 and finally separated in the Great Schism in 1054. After this break with Rome, Orthodoxy became the dominant expression of Christianity in the eastern Mediterranean, much of Asia Minor, Russian and Balkans. The word orthodox comes from the Greek words orthos (right) and doxa (belief), so Orthodox means correct belief or right thinking. The Orthodox churches are united by a common approach to theology, tradition, and worship. Each church has its own geographical title that usually reflects the cultural traditions of its believers. The two major divisions, Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox, have some distinct theological differences, and there are also a few Orthodox churches whose beliefs are further outside of these two major groups. For example, the nominal head of the Eastern Orthodox churches is the Patriarch of Constantinople, but other churches are led by archbishops or metropolitans.

Fasting, prayer, and worship play an important part of the Orthodox Christian life. They believe fasting trains the body and allows one to concentrate the mind on preparation for prayer and spiritual things. Traditionally, prayers are sung, particularly at dawn and sunset, and personal prayer is of great importance for Orthodox Christians. Monasticism for men and women, the devotional practice of individuals living ascetic and typically cloistered lives dedicated to Christian worship, is another central part of the Orthodox faith. Orthodox churches emphasize the incarnation of Christ as a means to raise human nature to the divine. This emphasis on becoming divine contrasts with the emphasis on human sinfulness prevalent in the theology of the western churches. Like Catholics, Orthodox churches have seven sacraments and Easter is the most important holiday. Today, 200 to 260 million people follow the Christian Orthodox tradition.

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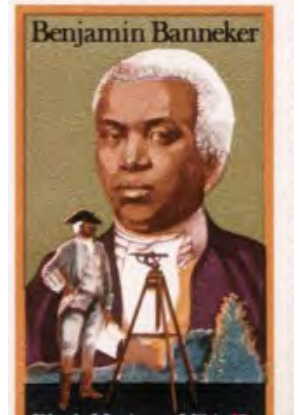
Special News

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Benjamin Banneker, a freeman, was born on November 9, 1731 on his family farm in Baltimore, Maryland. Growing up, he periodically attended a Quaker schoolhouse, but was mostly self taught. He inherited and ran his family's one-hundred-acre tobacco farm in the Patapsco River valley in rural Baltimore County for most of his life. He was well known for his dedication to learning and figuring out how things worked. For example, while in his early 20s, Banneker studied clockworks by borrowing a pocket watch from an acquaintance and was soon able to design and construct a clock made entirely of wooden pieces which struck to the hour and continued to work for over 40 years. Later on in his life, Banneker began a detailed study of astronomy after George Ellicott, an amateur astronomer whose family bought property nearby, loaned him books and equipment to start a more detailed study on the subject. Banneker started making astronomical calculations as early as 1788 and successfully predicted a solar eclipse that occurred in 1789. This correct prediction contradicted those of many better-known mathematicians and astronomers at the time.



In 1791, Banneker sent a letter to then U.S. Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, criticizing him for owning slaves and urged him to work for the betterment of African Americans. Banneker enclosed in the letter a hand-written manuscript of his 1792 almanac. In his reply, Jefferson praised Banneker for his many accomplishments, citing them as proof against the doubts against his race. Banneker's work was also praised in the British House of Commons by several abolitionists including William Wilberforce.

In his later years Banneker sold much of his farm land so he could concentrate on other pursuits. Apart from his astronomical achievements, he produced a dissertation on bees and a study of locust plague cycles. He died in his log cabin on October 9, 1806, exactly one month before his 75th birthday. Unfortunately, many of the writings and belongings of Banneker, who never married nor had children, were destroyed in a fire which broke out during his funeral. Benjamin Banneker was one of the first well-known African American intellectuals and his accomplishments were important in proving to skeptics the intelligence and capabilities of African Americans. Numerous recreational and cultural facilities, buildings and educational institutions have been named after him. In February 1980 the U.S. Postal Service issued a 15-cent commemorative postage stamp featuring Banneker.

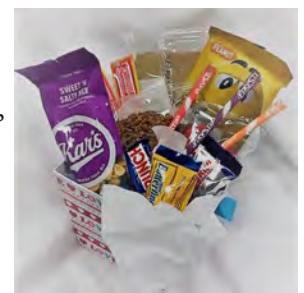
Students invited on trip to Langston as part of African American History Month commemoration

As part of the commemoration of African American History Month in February, MSC is sponsoring a student field trip on February 13 to visit and learn the history of Langston, Oklahoma, which was founded by African Americans, and Langston University, the only historically black college in the state.

Vans will be leaving from the front of the MSC Classroom Building in Tishomingo at 8:30 a.m. and from the UCSO parking lot in Ardmore at 9:15 a.m. and will return in the early evening. Lunch will be provided at Florence's in Oklahoma City. Students interested in taking part in the field trip are asked to contact Dr. Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez or Kendra Parker at rjacobspollez@mscok.edu or kparker@mscok.edu by Tuesday afternoon, February 12 to sign up.

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AGGIE ATHLETICS

MSC basketball teams go 1-1 on road versus EOSC and WOSC last week

The Murray State College women's and men's basketball teams continued conference play on the road last week with games versus Eastern Oklahoma State College February 4 and Western Oklahoma State College on February 7.

The Aggie women's team began their game versus Eastern Oklahoma State by jumping out to an early first quarter lead and continuing to distance themselves from the Lady Mountaineers, to lead 39-34 at halftime. Eastern Oklahoma State College began the second half by cutting the deficit to two points by the end of the third quarter, but the Aggies were able to hold on late in the game to win 71-70. Murray State College was led in scoring by sophomores Maddie Jessepe with 19 points, Aaliyah Endsley with 17 points and Hailey Belvin with 15 points.



Later that evening, the Aggie men faced an Eastern Oklahoma State College team which came into the game undefeated on their home court and looking to rebound from a pair of conference losses on the road. The Aggies and Mountaineers each had several scoring runs in the first half, trading momentum and the lead throughout. At halftime, Murray State College led the game 49-45. The Mountaineers, who lead the NJCAA Div. 1 for the number of steals per game and rank second in points per game, were able to pull ahead of Murray State College shortly after halftime and then extend their lead late in the game to win 99-87. The Aggies were led in scoring by freshman Shem'mario Stephens with 26 points and sophomore Lloyd Daniels with 19 points. Freshmen Adam Nance and Karey McLeish also added 15 points each.

Both Murray State College teams then traveled to Altus to take on the Western Oklahoma State College Pioneers. The Lady Aggies fell behind early, but battled back to get within a few points several times in the first half, which ended with the Pioneers leading 41-30. In the end, the Lady Pioneers extended their halftime lead in the second half to defeat the Aggies 73-55. The Aggies were led in scoring by Jessepe with 17 points and seven rebounds and Endsley with 12 points. With the loss, Murray State College falls to three and seven in conference play.

The Aggie men entered their game with Western Oklahoma State College looking to get back in the win column by repeating their home victory over the Pioneers in early January. The game remained close through the first half, with the Aggies going into halftime with a 45-43 lead. The Aggies, who out rebounded the Pioneers 39-27 in the game, were able to expand their lead in the second half thanks again to Stephens and Daniels, who led Murray State with 19 and 18 points in the game. Freshman Adam Gouro also scored 10 points in 18 minutes of play to help propel the Aggies to a 83-74 win over the Pioneers.

Both Murray State College teams return home to Tishomingo today, February 11, to take on Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College before traveling to Seminole to take on Seminole State College on February 14.

MSC Fitness Center memberships for family members of employees now available

Currently, employees and students can utilize the MSC Fitness Center at no cost with a current MSC ID. The college is now extending an invitation for fitness center membership to any current spouse or child, 16 years of age or older, of current MSC employees. Fitness center memberships will cost \$25 per person annually and will run from July 1 to June 30 regardless of the date of purchase. They can be purchased at the MSC Business Office during normal business hours. All members will be subject to MSC Fitness Center Guidelines. Annual membership fees will go toward operation of the fitness center and to cover the cost of producing membership ID cards.

AGGIE ATHLETICS

MSC Aggie Softball opens season on the road

After a late reschedule, the Murray State College softball team began their season on the road with a double-header versus Paris (TX) Junior College on February 5.

The first game included four lead changes and a tie with Aggie sophomore Savannah Ashford and freshmen Taylor Battiest and Mikayla Rutland hitting home runs. Freshman Jill Dixon also led the Aggies with four RBI's in the game which Paris Junior College won 10 to eight. Aggie sophomore pitcher Madison Morris faced 31 batters in the game, striking out two.



The second game of the double header saw the Aggies come from behind to tie the game at five in the third inning and then pull ahead in the fifth inning to ultimately win the game nine to seven. Aggie freshman CJ Crane and Payton Griffin each had three RBIs and a homerun and Mikayla Rutland added another two RBIs and a homerun to help propel the Aggies to victory. Aggie freshman pitcher Jill Dixon faced 13 batters in the first two innings, striking out one while fellow freshman Madison Coats pitched the last five innings, facing the final 24 batters.

The Murray State College softball team then traveled to Tonkawa to face Northern Oklahoma College in a double header on February 6. The Aggies fell behind by a pair of runs in the second inning, but were able to score four in the third inning and hold NOC to two runs to head into the fourth inning tied. Northern Oklahoma College scored one in the fifth and three runs in the sixth inning to win the game 10 to four. Battiest led the Aggies with two RBI's and Ashford and Crane each had one. Aggie pitchers Madison Coats and Alexis Lambert split time on the pitcher's mound with Coats striking out one and Lambert finishing the game, striking out three NOC batters.

The Aggies are now one and two on the season and return to action Tuesday, February 12 as they host a double header with Carl Albert College starting at 3 p.m. in Tishomingo. The Vikings are coming off a pair of wins over North Arkansas College last week.

Later in the week, the Aggies will travel to Ft. Worth to take part in the Cowtown Classic, playing five games over two days. The Aggies are scheduled to take on Ft. Scott Community College, Hesston Community College and Ranger College on February 15 and Indian Hills Community College-Centerville and Vernon College on February 16.

MSC Baseball falls to Seminole State in rain delayed game, February 9

After being rescheduled due to rain on February 7, the Murray State College baseball team traveled to Seminole on Saturday, February 9 to take on the Seminole State College Trojans. Down by two runs after four innings, the Aggies scored their first run of the game in the top of the fifth inning when Jonathan Brandon hit a single, allowing fellow sophomore Mason Brinkley to score. The Trojans went on to extend their lead in the bottom of the fifth inning after hitting a three-run home run.



The Aggies were unable to catch up, eventually falling to the Trojans 11 to one in six innings. The Aggies utilized four pitchers, including sophomores Jacob Mattox and Aaron Jonas, redshirt sophomore Cole Shinsky and freshman Wesley Case. Shinsky faced 16 batters, throwing 40 strikes in 56 pitches.

With the loss, the Aggies fall to two and two on the season and will travel to Clarksville, Arkansas on February 12 for a double-header against Arkansas Baptist College.

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February 25, 2019

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- MSC Blood Drive
Aggie Ballroom- 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
- UCO recruiter on campus
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. NOC-Tonkawa
MSC Gym, Tishomingo- 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. NOC-Tonkawa
MSC Gym, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- MSC Blood Drive
Aggie Ballroom- 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
- SE Okla. State Univ. recruiter on campus
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Softball vs. Vernon College
Softball Fields, Tishomingo- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- MSC Scholastic Meet
Various locations, Tishomingo- 7 a.m.- 5p.m.
- Movie: Hidden Figures
Indie Cinema, Tishomingo-6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Women's Basketball vs. Redlands CC
MSC Gym, Tishomingo- 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Redlands CC
MSC Gym, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- Softball vs. Ancilla College
Softball Fields, Tishomingo- 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Tyler Junior College
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 6 p.m.
- SSC/Native Presentation: Greenwood-Samis
Aggie Dinning Room, - 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- Softball vs. Mountain View College
Softball Fields, Tishomingo- 11 a.m., 2 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Tyler Junior College
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 1 p.m., 4 p.m.



Attention Students, Staff and Fitness Center Members: The MSC Fitness Center will now be open Monday-Friday only. The center will NOT be open on Saturdays or Sundays. For questions, contact Amanda Berry at 387-7135.

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BE A DONOR
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**Murray State College
Blood Drive**

**Monday, February 25 and
Tuesday, February 26**
10 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Paul J. Park Student Center-Ballroom

**To schedule your appointment,
visit obi.org.**

Donors Receive a Coupon for a FREE Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit!
You could also win Whataburger for a year!

Give blood & receive your choice of t-shirt!

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MSC women's golf places 2nd in UH-V tournament



The Murray State College women's golf team had three players place in the top five individually helping propel the Aggies to a second place team finish in the Claud Jacobs Collegiate Invitational Tournament in Victoria, Texas on February 17 and 18. MSC's Kitana Hollins finished third, Brooke Iron finished fourth and Rian Moores finished tied for fifth individually. The Aggies shot a combined 648 in the two-day tournament which was sponsored by the University of Houston-Victoria and took place at The Club at Colony Creek. Pictured left to right are Moores, Iron, Clinton Paige, Makenzie Rogers and Hollins.

Better Together

This week, the *Better Together* column discusses Islam, the last of the major Abrahamic religions. As of 2005, approximately 54 percent of the world's population were followers of an Abrahamic religion. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are all classified as Abrahamic because adherents believe in the God of the prophet Abraham. In fact, in Arabic the word for God is Allah and Arabic-speaking Christians and Jews use the same word for God.

Islam is an Arabic word meaning "surrender or submit" and for those who follow Islam surrender or submission to the will of God is the focus of everyday life. Followers of Islam, known as Muslims, practice five pillars of the faith which include profession of faith through prayer; praying five times a day; charity, the paying a portion of one's wealth to ensure justice in society; fasting, especially during the month of Ramadan; and a hajj, or pilgrimage to the Ka'bah in Mecca at least once in a lifetime if health and financial resources allow it.

The sacred book of Islam, the Qur'an, translates to "recitation" because the Prophet Muhammad recited the words of the Qur'an to his followers after they were revealed to him. Muslims are united in one community, known as an ummah, by belief in God, allegiance to the Prophet's example and the performance of basic acts of worship and service to God. Within the Muslim community there is some diversity in adherence depending on various interpretations of the Qur'an or theological and political differences. Perhaps the most significant division within the Muslim community is between Sunnis and Shi'is. This split began over a dispute concerning who was the appropriate person to assume Muhammad's leadership role following his death and the type of authority this person should have.

While Islam was born in the Middle East, as were Judaism and Christianity, today it is a worldwide religion with over 1.5 billion practitioners. As with many religions, the Muslim world is currently experiencing challenges related to modernization, migration, and resurgence.

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During February, Murray State College will be celebrating African American History Month with a number of events including guest speakers, a movie presentation, and a weekly student column in the *Aggiete* highlighting an African American mathematician.

Mathematician Elbert Frank Cox was born December 5, 1895 in Evansville, Indiana. As a child, he lived in a primarily biracial neighborhood in a college town where his father was an elementary school principal. Greatly influenced by his father's work in the education system, Cox had an appreciation for the importance of education and quickly developed an interest in mathematics. Cox's early love for math led him to Indiana University where he majored in mathematics, receiving his degree in 1917. Shortly after, he began teaching mathematics at Alves Street School in Henderson, Kentucky. In 1918, he left his teaching position to enlist in the U.S. Army.



After serving in the U.S. Army in France during World War I, he was discharged and returned to the United States to chair the Department of Natural Sciences at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Two years later, he received the Erastus Brooks Fellowship and enrolled in the mathematics Ph.D. program at Cornell University with a full scholarship. In 1925, he completed his degree, becoming the first African American to receive a Ph.D. in mathematics. After graduating, he became head of the mathematics and physics department at West Virginia State College, which was an all-black college at the time.

In 1929, Dr. Cox moved to Washington D.C. to serve as a faculty member at prestigious Howard University for over three decades, eventually becoming the mathematics department chair until his retirement in 1961. Six years after his death in 1969, the Howard University Mathematics Department inaugurated its Ph.D. program and established the Elbert F. Cox Scholarship Fund for undergraduate mathematics majors to encourage young Black students to continue their study of mathematics at the graduate level.

Murray State College hosts *Hidden Figures* at the Indie Theater, February 27

Area residents are invited to join Murray State College students, staff, and faculty for a free showing and discussion of the film *Hidden Figures* at the Indie Theater in downtown Tishomingo on February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

This film showing will be the finale of presentations and activities at MSC commemorating African American History Month. In addition to the showing, Murray State College Mathematics Professor Kendra Parker and MSC History Professor Dr. Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez will provide a short, entertaining and informative overview about the film and the role of African American women and men in the space program.

"This is a great opportunity for students and the community to enjoy time together in celebration of amazing achievements by African American women featured in this film. Their accomplishments were amazing and very inspiring for all of us," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

The film is rated PG. A van will be available to provide student rides to the theater and will leave the Tishomingo campus shortly after 6 p.m. the night of the film showing.

For questions about the February 27 event, please contact Dr. Rebecca Jacobs Pollez at rjacobspollez@mscok.edu.



Special News

MSC Science Department/ NICHE offering research trip March 1-3

Murray State College Physics Instructor Wesley Reddish has arranged a student research trip to Selman Living Labs, near Freedom, Oklahoma, March 1-3. All students interested in plant and animal biology, astronomy, conservation or any other science are welcome and encouraged to attend.

While there, participants will take part in lessons on plants and wildlife of the region including grasses, shrubs, insects, snakes, rodents and birds. There will also be two astronomy observation times and sessions on water pollution, conservation, and art in nature including sketching and making molds or castings.

MSC's student organization NICHE will be sponsoring the meals while at Selman, so students will only need to pay \$20 for lodging at the on-site bunkhouses and bring bedding. Attendees should also bring money for a meal or snacks during the trip to and back from the lab (five hours each way).

A van will depart from the Murray State College parking lot in Tishomingo at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 1 and will then pass through Ardmore to pick up UCSO students. Ardmore students will need to meet the van in UCSO's north parking lot.

Students interested in taking part in this research trip can contact Mr. Reddish at (580)387-7502 or wreddish@mscok.edu to register or ask questions.

The Selman Living Laboratory is run by the University of Central Oklahoma and is a field research and teaching facility located in the rolling hills and plains of Woodward County in northwestern Oklahoma. It provides a wide array of natural environments, including large bat caves for research and teaching. The Selman Living Laboratory is recognized as a Natural Heritage Site by the Oklahoma Biological Survey. They have received support through UCO, the National Science Foundation, and others to construct bunkhouses, classrooms, a small kitchen, restroom buildings with showers, a tornado-resistant multipurpose building, two astronomy domes and other amenities to benefit the on-site learning environment.



SSC/Native to host presentation by Chickasaw author on March 1

The Student Success Center, in conjunction with the MSC Native Club, will be hosting a presentation by Chickasaw author and Murray State College alum Kortney Greenwood-Samis on the evening of Friday, March 1. The presentation will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the MSC Dining Room.

Greenwood-Samis will be discussing her journey in writing and publishing as a young author and the resources available to assist writers looking to share their works with others. The event is open to all MSC students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the greater Tishomingo community.

An Oklahoma native who published her first book, *Change*, at age 12, Greenwood-Samis is originally from the small town of Stratford, and currently lives in Mill Creek with her husband Nathan. They are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first child. Greenwood-Samis is the great-great-granddaughter of original Dawes enrollee Barney Greenwood. She is a recognized citizen of the Chickasaw Nation as well as a current employee of the Nation.

She graduated from Murray State College with an Associate of Arts in History in 2016 and moved on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Native American Studies in 2017. Kortney continues to write every day in her job and in her personal life. She has plans to publish works focused on Native Americans and modern struggles faced by tribal citizens today. All those interested in hearing her story or in writing are encouraged to attend.



AGGIE ATHLETICS

MSC men and women fall to NOC Thursday, finish regular season at home this week

The Murray State College women's and men's basketball teams continued conference play on the road February 21 with games versus Northern Oklahoma College-Enid.

Coming off a 63-56 win over Connors State College earlier in the week to extend their winning streak to three games, the Aggie women traveled to Enid to take on Northern Oklahoma College. The Aggies faced a tough road game versus the NOC-Enid Jets team which had only lost three games all season and was undefeated in conference play. The Aggies held the Jets to just 13 points in the first 10 minutes of the game to maintain a slight lead heading into the second quarter. Northern Oklahoma College found their rhythm in the second quarter and were able to regain the lead over the Aggies and expand it to lead 38-28 at halftime. The Aggies, who were led in scoring by sophomore Maddie Jessepe, were unable to overcome the halftime deficit despite multiple scoring runs throughout the second half. Ultimately, the Jets won the game 77-54 to remain undefeated in conference play, ending the Aggies winning streak at three games. In addition to Jessepe's 13 points, Aggies sophomore Hailey Belvin and freshman Kes Reeves each had 11 points in the game.



The Aggie men's team entered their game versus NOC-Enid looking to get back in the win column after losing a physical game at home to Connors State College on February 18. NOC-Enid jumped out to an early lead over the Aggies and dominated the first half of the game to lead by 20 points at halftime. Despite the large halftime deficit, the Aggies roared back to dominate the second half and pull within striking distance late in the game. The Jets were able to hold off the Aggies late to squeak by with a one-point, 73-72 win on their home court. The Aggies were led in scoring by sophomore Lloyd Daniels with 29 points. Freshmen guards Shem'mario Stephens had 13 points and Kyle Murray added 10 points and four rebounds in the game.

Both Aggie teams return home this week to wrap-up the regular season with games versus Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa February 25 and Redlands Community College February 28.



Pi Society Softball Tournament

Co-Ed & Double Elimination
Saturday- March 9, 2019
Tishomingo Sports Complex

Team Entry: \$150 (Max 15 players per team)
Team Ratio: 7 men & 3 women
Admission: \$1

Checks Payable to MSC Pi Society
Early Bird Registration: \$150 by February 23, 2019
Registration: \$200 by March 2, 2019

Registration:
Kendra Parker - 405.314.8371
Laura Wright- 405.331.0258

Winning team receives gift basket with over \$500 in gifts

Home Run Derby
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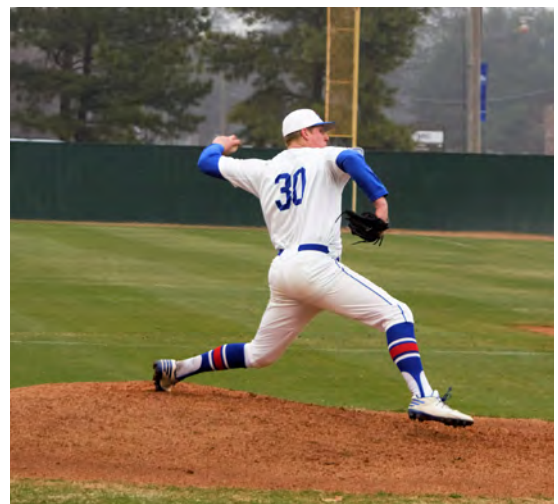
Proceeds benefit Murray State College PTA. Students in preparation for the Physical Therapist Assistant National Exam.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES GREEN FEE, CART, RANGE BALLS, AND LUNCH!

Register by March 22nd

Contact Vajaira Rivera or Bryce Ferguson: (580) 504-9034 fergb008@student.mscok.edu
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Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- MSC Career & Transfer Fair- Tishomingo Aggie Ballroom- 12 noon - 2 p.m.
- Baseball vs. NE Texas Community College The Ranch, Tishomingo - 1 p.m.
- MSC Career & Transfer Fair- Ardmore UCSO Lobby- 4-6 p.m.
- Yoga MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- SVA Meeting Faculty Dinning Room, 12 noon - 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- PTK Study Break MSC Library, Tishomingo- 1-3 p.m.
- Yoga MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- Softball at Labette CC Parsons, KS- 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Baseball at LSU-Eunice Eunice, LA - 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- Pi Society Softball Tournament Tishomingo Sports Complex- 9 a.m.
- Softball at Coffeyville CC Joplin, MO- 12 noon
- Baseball at Pearl River CC Eunice, LA - 1 p.m.
- Softball at Cowley CC Joplin, MO- 4 p.m.
- Softball at Kansas City, KS CC Joplin, MO- 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- Softball at Highland CC Joplin, MO- 9 a.m.
- Softball at Allen County CC Joplin, MO- 11 a.m.
- Baseball at LSU-Eunice Eunice, LA - 1 p.m.



Attention Students, Staff and Fitness Center Members: The MSC Fitness Center will now be open Monday-Friday only. The center will NOT be open on Saturdays or Sundays. For questions, contact Amanda Berry at 387-7135.

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Special News



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING | ROOM 216

1:00-3:00 P.M.

- ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- MEET SE PROFESSORS
- LEARN ABOUT SE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT AMY MCCAIN - 580.387.7411

Veterinary Technology Program Career Fair, March 12

The Murray State College Veterinary Technology Program is holding a Career Fair Day on March 12 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom.

This career fair is designed to give college students the opportunity to learn about internships and career opportunities from recruiters representing top private and corporate veterinary specialty hospitals, clinics, emergency centers, research facilities and zoos in Oklahoma and Texas. Recruiters will be given a chance to network with students from the veterinary assistant certificate program, veterinary technology program and pre-veterinary medicine.

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Better Together

This week, the *Better Together* column discusses The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the 19th century, what is referred to by historians as the Second Great Awakening in the United States occurred. It saw the rise of many different additions to and offshoots of the Christian Church. One of these was the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or LDS Church. Often called the Mormon Church, the belief system sprung out of a restorationist Christian movement outlined by the prophetic claims of Joseph Smith. Today, the movement includes the LDS Church, the Community of Christ Church, and a number of other smaller groups which believe Christianity should be restored back to the beliefs and practices of the early apostolic church, which they see as a purer and more ancient form of the religion.

Similar to many other restorationist groups, Latter-day Saints believe that Christianity had strayed far from Jesus' teachings. Many restorationist movements, like the Puritans, attempted to closely model the religion of the New Testament, but Joseph Smith, founder of the LDS church, taught that even the Bible itself had been corrupted. The most important symbol of Smith's restoration is the Book of Mormon, which he claimed to have translated through divine inspiration from golden plates left by an ancient American Christian civilization. For believers, these writings were a companion to the Bible, filling in its gaps and affirming Christ's divinity.

The differing views held by Mormon's have often created antagonistic reactions in others. Violence against them in early years of the religion was a main reason church members moved to the western United States. After being forced from several states by mobs, one of which killed Smith, the group followed their second spiritual leader, Brigham Young, in relocating the church to Utah. Early church practices, such as allowing plural marriage, were attacked by U.S. Marshals and others, so out of fear the Mormons eliminated those practices from their doctrine. Today, the LDS Church includes 15 million members internationally, with over eight million of those adherents living outside the United States.

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Special News

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Consumer Protection Services Division Director Kenny Naylor from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture will provide an overview of the state program. Naylor and MSC's Agriculture Department Chair Brian Cothran will discuss various aspects of industrial hemp and provide instructions on how individuals can sign up for the pilot program. Also discussed will be research on hemp varieties, the growing process and products that can be produced. Murray State College is one of eight Oklahoma colleges with a plant science program that are partnering with farmers to grow industrial hemp for research. Under the rules and laws of the program, people wishing to grow industrial hemp, which is different from marijuana because of low THC levels, must contract through an approved college. By law, industrial hemp must have less than 0.3% THC, the chemical that produces the euphoric effect of other cannabis plants. Program participants will be monitored closely by the state to assure all regulations are being followed.



"This is new territory for Oklahoma, and the law has allowed colleges to participate through education and research. We have received more than 60 applications from those interested in helping us explore industrial hemp educational possibilities and potential job opportunities," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

For information on the Industrial Hemp program or the upcoming meeting, please contact Brian Cothran at bcothran@mscok.edu or 580-387-7403.

Murray State College celebrates African American History Month



In February and early March, Murray State College celebrated African American History Month with a number of events including guest speakers, a movie, and a weekly student column in the AggieLite highlighting an African American mathematician.

Have you ever wondered how we are able to get directions to anywhere in the world at just a touch of a finger? The individual credited with solving calculations which allow us to acquire those directions is Gladys West. She is an African American mathematician who played a major role in creating the Global Positioning System (GPS).

West was born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia in 1931, graduated high school at the top of her class, and attended Virginia State University on a full academic scholarship. There, she obtained bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. Later in life she obtained a Ph.D. in mathematics from Virginia Tech. West began her career teaching mathematics for two years in Sussex County, Virginia. In 1956, she became the second African American female to ever work for the U.S. Naval base in Dahlgren, Virginia. She was one of only four African Americans working on projects that pioneered the invention of GPS. Her work focused on collecting data from orbiting satellites to help determine their exact location. She also worked on computer software designed to measure precise surface elevations. From the military, auto industry, space travel, and even your cell phone, the Global Positioning System paved the way for modern-day maps. In 1988, after 42 years of calculations and tedious work, West retired. Her work is widely used today, but it was not fully recognized publicly until December 2018 when she was inducted into the United States Air Force Space and Missile Hall of Fame. In a U.S. Navy interview, West stated that, "The separation of African Americans and white Americans motivated me to work harder, because we were always behind the 'eight ball' to start with. I was always motivated by doing something new, completing something, having a goal."

Gladys West had an extraordinary mind, and because of her determination and collaboration with other pioneers, we are able to live more comfortable lives today. So, the next time you get in your car and type in an address or tell Siri to give you directions to the closest Walmart, stop and think about the mathematicians and engineers, like Gladys West, who made GPS possible.

AGGIE ATHLETICS

Golfers place 1st, 4th and tie for 2nd, to help MSC women win Tyler JC Spring Invitational

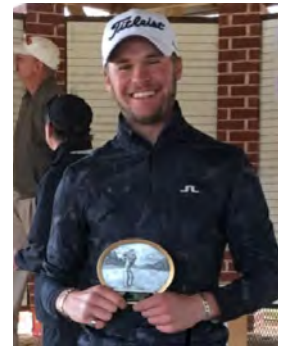
The Murray State College women's golf team was named tournament champions in the team competition and sophomore Rian Moores won the individual competition at the Tyler Junior College Spring Invitational Tournament February 25 and 26. Aggie sophomore Kitana Hollins tied for second and Brooke Irion placed fourth in the individual competition which took place at Oak Hurst Golf Course in Bullard, Texas.



Moores shot a tournament best 77 in the first round and followed it up with a solid second day to win the tournament by two strokes, edging out Hollins and Tyler Junior College's Avery Watkins. As a team, the Aggies won the tournament by 16 strokes, beating out tournament host Tyler Junior College and third place finisher University of Arkansas-Monticello.

Men's golf team places second, Ruggieri takes third in Tyler JC Spring Invitational

The Murray State College men's golf team finished second place and sophomore Leonardo Ruggieri placed third place individually at the Tyler Junior College Spring Invitational Tournament February 25 and 26 in Bullard, Texas.



The Aggies, who were tied for fourth place after one day, shot the second-best round of the final day to bypass tournament host Tyler Junior College and finish in second place behind tournament champion Indian Hills Community College. Ruggieri, who was in a three-way tie for third place after the first day, shot a 74 on both days of the tournament to secure third place behind two Indian Hills Community College golfers.

MSC basketball teams go 1-1 and 2-0 at home this week to end regular season

The Murray State College women's and men's basketball teams ended their regular seasons at home this week with games versus Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa February 25 and Redlands Community College February 28. The Aggie women were impressive in their first game, outscoring the NOC-Tonkawa Mavericks in all four quarters. Up at halftime 26-19, the Aggies had several scoring runs in the second half to help them win the game 62-48. The Aggies were led in scoring by freshman Andressa Nascimento with 14 points and sophomore Aaliyah Endsley with 12 points and three steals.



The MSC men's team came into their game versus the Mavericks looking to avenge their 19-point loss in late January. Down by one point at halftime, the Aggies rallied early in the second half to obtain a solid lead and defended it late. Led in scoring by sophomore Lloyd Daniels with 23 points and freshman Shem'mario Stephens with 20 points, the Aggies held on to win the game 79-71.

Looking to end their season with a win versus conference rival Redlands Community College, the Lady Aggies jumped out to a 26-23 halftime lead. Redlands was able to cut the Aggie's lead to one point at the end of the third quarter. Holding Murray State College to just seven points in the final quarter, Redlands went on a scoring run late to defeat the Aggies on their home court 56-53.

Thanks to 30 points from Daniels in his final regular season game as an Aggie, the MSC men extended a two-point halftime lead over Redlands into double digits several times in the second half. Ultimately winning 90-81, the Aggies ended their regular season on a two-game winning streak.

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Upcoming Events

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- Industrial Hemp Presentation
Admin. Bldg., Rm. 216- 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- Vet Tech/Pre-Vet Career Fair
Aggie Ballroom- 1-3 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- SGA Meeting
SS Bldg. Rm. 202,- 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- Teacher Education Career Fair
Admin. Bldg., Rm. 216- 1-3 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- Softball vs. Eastern Okla. State College
MSC Softball Field- 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- Financial Aid Disbursement

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- Softball at Vernon College
Vernon, TX- 12 noon, 2 p.m.

MARCH 18-22

- Spring Break- No Classes
 - Tuesday, March 19- Baseball at NE Texas CC- Mt. Pleasant, TX - 1 p.m.
 - Saturday, March 23- Baseball at Tyler JC Tyler, TX- 6 p.m.
 - Sunday, March 24- Baseball at Tyler JC Tyler, TX- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.



Fitness Center Spring Break closure: The Fitness Center will be closed from 1 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2019 to 11 a.m. Monday, March 25, 2019 for Spring Break. For questions, contact Amanda Berry at 387-7135.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

MSC Board of Regents sign resolution to retain local governance and control

Murray State College President Joy McDaniel (front, left) joined members of the MSC Board of Regents during their February meeting in Tishomingo for the signing of an important resolution to support local governance.

As regents prepare to sign the resolution in favor of Murray State being exempt from consolidation, Regent Suzie Brewster (front, center) is seated next to Dr. Scott Wood (front, right), with Regent Sam Barrick (top, left) and Regent Allen Benson behind with pens in hand. The regents plan to work with legislators to bring forward a process for making MSC exempt from consolidation under a larger, non-local governing board.



Southeastern holding a Teacher Education Transfer Fair, Wed. March 13

Are you interested in teaching or coaching? Education majors and everyone interested in teaching is invited to a teacher education transfer fair on March 13. The event, hosted by Southeastern Oklahoma State University will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 216 of the MSC Administration Building.

Representatives will be available to discuss teacher education programs and opportunities offered at Murray State College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Those in attendance can register to win scholarships from Southeastern during the transfer fair and also meet instructors from the teacher education program.

All students, regardless of major, are invited to attend the event and discuss the opportunities that may be available in the field of teaching.

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Better Together

There is no word in Native American languages which can easily be translated from the English word “religion.” Instead, religious beliefs and concepts are inseparable, perhaps even indistinguishable, from the fabric of traditional Native American life and culture. All dimensions of life are profoundly integrated. Even among Native people for whom English has become their primary language, the term “religion” often seems to suggest an artificial separation of spiritual traditions from economy, government, art, law, medicine, and landscape. In most Native views, these aspects of life are all interrelated.

Each Native American group has its own distinctive way of life and traditions, but there are some common characteristics. For example, most Native spiritual beliefs are based primarily on oral traditions, relying on the spoken transmission of a story and the enactment of ritual knowledge. While each varies, virtually all Native American groups have a creation story that has been and often continues to be transmitted orally. Native Americans draw on the transformative power of music, dance, and symbols in their ritual and ceremonial lives. Songs play an important role and are often thought to have innate power, unlike in other religions where songs are used primarily as a form of worship. Most Native American ways of life also view all aspects of creation and all the things around us as living and interconnected. They affirm in a multitude of ways the existence of a spirit world.

Native American religious traditions are generally land based and are oriented in profound ways toward living well and making a living on particular landscapes. For Native peoples of the Southeast and Oklahoma, much of ceremonial life is oriented around corn. This includes its respectful cultivation and gratitude for its bountiful harvest. Fortunately, while nearly lost, such practices are currently being restored and revitalized.

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Special News

Pi Society Softball Tournament postponed to April 6, 2019

Due to inclement weather, the Pi Society softball tournament, which was scheduled for March 9 has been postponed until April 6, 2019. By rescheduling, the tournament will take place in much drier and warmer weather. Interested teams and individuals will also have more time to sign up and play.

Organizers of the tournament are still looking to put together additional teams of Murray State College students and MSC Faculty, Staff and friends. If you or your group of friends are interested in playing, but do not have enough people to fill out a whole team, please contact Kendra Parker. (580-387-7493 or cell 405-314-8371). Sign-up is \$15 per person.

This fun-filled tournament will raise funds to help Pi Society members and other math students participate in upcoming Math and Science Day events. The tournament on Saturday, April 6th, will begin at 8 a.m. at the Tishomingo Sports Complex.

Murray State College's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society formally recognized as a five-star chapter

During the recent Oklahoma/Arkansas Regional convention, Murray State College's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society was formally recognized as a five-star chapter. A five-star designation represents the highest level a local chapter can achieve. Reaching five-star status includes creating awareness of Phi Theta Kappa among the college community, establishing chapter leadership and volunteer engagement at the local, regional, and national level, and completing both an Honors in Action research project and a college project.



Murray State College was one of 13 out of 43 regional chapters to reach five-star status. Phi Theta Kappa sends invitations each year to students who have completed 12 credit hours at the collegiate level with a 3.5 GPA. For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, please contact Christy Green at cgreen@mscok.edu or Lisa Coulter at lcoulter@mscok.edu.

Reminder: MSC hosting informational meeting on Industrial Hemp Pilot Program, March 11

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AGGIE ATHLETICS

Murray State College women's basketball season ends in first round of regional playoffs

The Murray State College women's basketball team went into regional playoffs March 7, with a seven and eight record in conference play and looking to build off of their recent regular season win over first-round opponent Seminole State College. The game, which was played at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, was close throughout with multiple lead changes and physical play from both teams. In the second half, Seminole State College pulled ahead for good and the Lady Aggies were unable to overcome the deficit late in the game. The Lady Aggies ended their season falling to Seminole State 81-76.



MSC men's basketball travel to Shawnee to battle NEO in the Regional Playoffs

After defeating Redlands Community College by 20 points, Monday, March 4 in the first round of regional playoffs, the Murray State College men's basketball team traveled to Shawnee on March 6 to take on the tournament's number one seed, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

The game was evenly matched though the first half, with 10 lead changes and four ties with each team putting together several impressive shooting runs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M pulled ahead in the waning seconds of the first half to lead the Aggies 30-29 at halftime.



The Norsemen began the second half with a 17-2 scoring run and the Aggies were unable to regain momentum in the game. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M scored 47 points in the final 20 minutes, rolling to a 77-58 victory over Murray State College on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University. The win projected the Norsemen to a semifinal clash with Seminole State College, March 8.

The Aggies were led in scoring by sophomore Lloyd Daniels with 15 points and freshmen Shem'mario Stephens and Adam Nance contributing 14 points each. Freshman Adam Gouro also came off the bench to pull down five rebounds, block three shots and score five points.

The regional tournament loss ends the Aggies' season at nine wins and 22 losses overall and six and 11 in conference play. Season-long individual statistics included Daniels averaging 17.8 points per game, followed by Stephens with 14.9 and freshman Karey McLeish with 10.7 points per game.

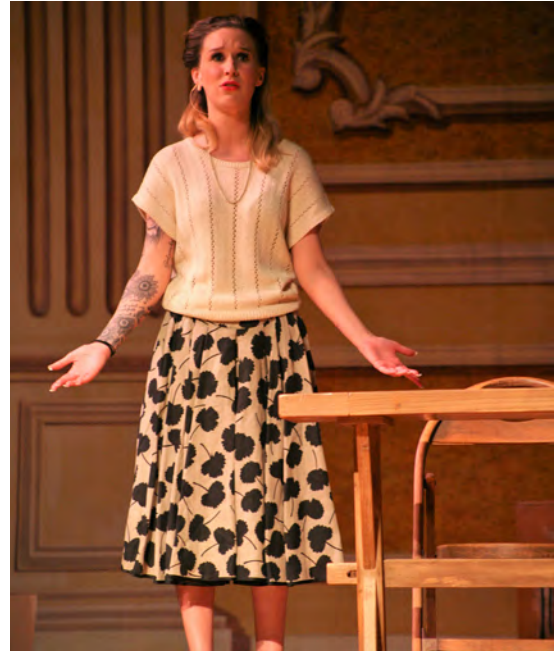
Aggie Baseball traveled to Louisiana to take on two top-ranked teams

The Murray State College Baseball team traveled deep into bayou country March 8-10 to take on fifth-ranked Pearl River (MS) Community College and top-ranked LSU-Eunice. The Aggies, ranked #19 nationally, led Pearl River three to two after five innings. The Wildcats responded with 13 runs over the next four innings to defeat the Aggies 15 to eight.

The Aggies then faced top-ranked LSU-Eunice on their home field. Down by one run, MSC evened things up in the top of the third inning following a single by Jonathan Brandon. LSU-Eunice pulled away for good with four runs in the fifth inning to propel LSU-Eunice to a six to one victory. Pitching for the Aggies, Cole Shinsky went five and two-thirds innings, allowing six runs on six hits and striking out one. Mason Brinkley led the Aggies with two hits in four at bats.

The second game in the two-game series saw LSU-Eunice score one run in the first and fourth innings and three runs in the fifth inning before the Aggies got on the board, scoring on a Austin Garrett home run in the top of the seventh inning. The Bengals added three more runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat the Aggies 10 runs to one.

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March 25, 2019

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- Softball at Grayson County College
Denison, TX- 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Grayson County College
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- Softball at Rose State College
Midwest City, OK- 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- ACT Prep Workshop
MSC Auditorium- 9 a.m.
- Softball vs. NOC-Enid
Softball Field, Tishomingo - 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- Women's Soccer vs. Brookhaven College
MSC Soccer Field, Tishomingo- 12 noon
- Women's Soccer vs. NWOSU
MSC Soccer Field, Tishomingo- 3 p.m.

Recent Photos...



Special News

MSC Cultural Events Committee highlights Chickasaw Nation with events in April

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On Wednesday, April 3 Chickasaw Speaker Joe Thomas will give the informative and entertaining presentation “First Encounters” about early Chickasaw interactions with European explorers such as Hernando de Soto. The presentation can be viewed in Room 126 of the MSC Health Sciences Building in Tishomingo and in Room 151 of the University Center of Southern Oklahoma in Ardmore starting at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to the public and attendees are encouraged to bring friends and family.

On Wednesday, April 10 everyone is invited to learn how to make a Chickasaw craft to take home. This event is scheduled for 1 p.m. and, if the weather cooperates, will take place outside. Look for updates and a final location for this event in future editions of the AggieLite.

April’s commemoration of Chickasaw culture will include a free showing of the film, *Pearl*, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 at the Indie Theater in downtown Tishomingo. After the film, producers of the film will take questions from the audience. This event is cosponsored by the Johnston County Library and is open to the public.

The final event will be on Wednesday, April 24 starting at noon and will include a guided field trip to the Chickasaw Council House, Capitol and White House. Attendees will also be able to sample traditional Chickasaw food.

Along with these activities, a collection of framed photographs of Native Americans is on loan to Murray State College from the Oklahoma History Center. The collection is currently installed at the University Center of Southern Oklahoma through Friday, April 5. It will then be on display in the Murray State College Library in Tishomingo from April 7 to May 3. This exhibit is sponsored by the Student Success Center with funding from the NASNTI grant, and by the MSC Native Club, Cultural Events Committee, and Responsible Citizenship Committee.



Come join fellow students and staff by participating in one or all of these exciting events during the month of April. More details will be provided in the AggieLite the week before each event.

You could win a \$50 gift card just by getting a jump start on Summer/Fall enrollment preparations

Attention all students! Enrollment for the upcoming semesters is right around the corner. In order to encourage students to plan ahead and visit with the Academic Advisement Office before enrollment opens, everyone who meets with their advisor prior to April 1 will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card to Murray on Main.

Scheduling a meeting early will help streamline the enrollment process and also help students stay on track for graduation. These meetings will allow advisors and students to perform degree checks, update enrollment plans, and resolve any holds on accounts prior to enrollment.

An advertisement for meeting with an academic advisor. It features a large blue and red text box on the left that says 'MEET YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR'. To the right, there are two columns of text. The top column says 'PLAN AHEAD DEGREE CHECK AND DISCUSS ENROLLMENT'. The bottom column says 'CLEAR HOLDS Ensure you are clear to enroll'. At the bottom of the left box, it says 'ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD TO MURRAY ON MAIN!'.

Tishomingo students can stop by the Academic Advisement Office in Suite 103 of the Student Services Building, call 580-387-7203 or email academicadvisement@mscok.edu to schedule a meeting. Ardmore students can stop by the MSC Suite at UCSO, call 580-319-0370 or email academicadvisement@mscok.edu.

Special News

Murray State College receives top certification as healthy campus by state health department

Murray State College has been awarded the highest level of certification, a designation of excellence, as a healthy campus by the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Murray on Main was recognized at top levels in the business category as well.

The excellence certification recognizes education institutions and businesses across the state for efforts to provide education, assistance and encouragement to employees, students and community members who share the goal of leading healthier lives. “We are extremely proud of this designation through the healthy campus certification process. Especially that we’ve been recognized for the past six years. It is important to set an example of how much health and wellness really matter,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Both MSC and Murray on Main have won the Certified Health Campus/Business designation for the past six years. This is the third year in a row, and the fourth of six application cycles, in which Murray State College has earned the top certification designation of excellence.



Pi Society Softball Tournament scheduled for April 6, 2019

The Pi Society softball tournament has been scheduled for April 6, 2019. Organizers of the tournament are still looking to put together additional teams of Murray State College students and MSC faculty, staff and friends. If you or your group of friends are interested in playing, but do not have enough people to fill out a whole team, please contact Kendra Parker. (580-387-7493 or cell 405-314-8371). Sign up cost is \$15 per person. This fun-filled tournament will raise funds to help Pi Society members and other math students participate in upcoming Math and Science Day events. The tournament on Saturday, April 6th, will begin at 8 a.m. at the Tishomingo Sports Complex.

Better Together

Hinduism is an ancient tradition that began in cities of the Indus River Valley around 4,000 years ago. For most of its existence, Hinduism was associated with a social system of castes that evolved from early social structures in the region. Today, Hinduism ties to the caste system have been officially eliminated.

Harvard’s Pluralism Project describes the Hindu tradition as more an ethos than a set of beliefs. It is a complex social system and an elaborately articulated religious sensibility. Hindus believe the universe is permeated with the Divine, which is known by many names and can manifest in many forms. In fact, for most non practitioners, the most noticeable difference of Hinduism is its multiplicity of Gods. As in Native American traditions, practitioners live their beliefs and observe many forms of worship. In general, no set of Hindu practitioners considers those who chose to practice differently as heretical and all worship in one another’s temples. Hindus also believe that a soul journeys to self realization and it takes many lifetimes for the journey to be complete. In addition, the soul’s course through life after life toward self realization is shaped by one’s deeds in those lives. Of the vast texts of Hindu scriptures, the earliest were the Vedas, which are classified as the world’s oldest religious texts.

The Hindu tradition has coexisted with other Indian religious traditions throughout its history. The ancient Jain tradition of monks, nuns, and laity still flourishes in India today. Jains emphasize nonviolence toward all living things. In Jainism, enlightened ones are given the honorific title Jina, “victor,” one who has conquered ignorance and achieved spiritual victory. Those who follow the path of the Jinās are called Jains. As with Hindus, today Jains can be found throughout the world.

In keeping with the IFYC goal of respecting all beliefs, this semester’s Better Together columns will present a brief overview of a different religion or belief system each week.



Special News

Murray State College, BancFirst presented with business partnership award

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have recognized the collaboration between Murray State College and BancFirst with a Regents' Business Partnership Excellence Award.

The awards are designed to highlight successful partnerships between higher education institutions and businesses which are cultivating the higher education learning environment through use of State Regents' Economic Development Grants.

Murray State College partnered with BancFirst and the Gene Rainbolt family to secure the legacy of the late Lynn Colbert, who created the Lynn Colbert Charitable Foundation. Colbert's goal was to ensure his investments and mineral rights would benefit others after his death.

Through expert management and guidance from BancFirst and the Rainbolt family, Murray State College and the MSC Foundation have provided opportunities for Oklahoma students who might not otherwise have been able to obtain a college education.

BancFirst focuses on local businesses not served effectively by larger institutions in the same way that Murray State College focuses on students not effectively served by larger higher education institutions.

"Through their partnership with Murray State College, BancFirst has helped create a brighter future for our state and the students of Southern Oklahoma," Murray State College President Joy McDaniel said.

Twenty-seven business and higher education partnerships throughout the state were recognized with Regent's Business Partnership Excellence Awards in a ceremony March 12 in Edmond. Institutions involved in the partnerships receive an economic development grant that may be applied to tuition of an employee from the partner business, internship for a current student, faculty externship or enhancement through equipment or supplies.



Be a part of the upcoming MSC Anthology

Murray State College is requesting student and faculty submissions for inclusion in an anthology of creative work being published. Anthology Coordinator Charlotte Estep is currently seeking poetry, essays, song lyrics, pictures of artistic endeavors, articles, journal entries, or any other examples of faculty and student works. Instructors are asked to encourage students to submit any essay, article review, research paper, or art project for consideration. Instructors are also invited to submit their own endeavors. All submissions are welcome.

Students may submit materials to instructors, but all final submissions will need to be sent electronically to Charlotte Estep at cestep@mscok.edu by April 10, 2019 for publication.

Author visits Ardmore, March 28

The Champion Public Library in Ardmore will be hosting a book signing and discussion with author Rilla Askew at 6 p.m. Thursday March 28.

The event will include a meet and greet with Askew and a discussion of her recent novel *Fire in Beulah*, which follows the journey of two families to the Indian Territory in 1887.



AGGIE ATHLETICS

MSC Women's Golf Team wins tournament, Moores places second at Buccaneer Classic

The Murray State College Women's Golf Team was named tournament champion in the team competition and sophomore Rian Moores placed second individually at the Buccaneer Spring Classic on March 11 and 12. Aggie sophomore Brooke Irion tied for sixth and Kitana Hollins placed eighth in the individual competition which took place at North Creek Golf Course in Southaven, Mississippi.



Moores shot a 75 in the first round and followed it up with a 74 the second day to finish one stroke behind tournament winner Katie Tomassoni of Tusculum University and three strokes ahead of a trio of golfers who tied for third.

As a team, MSC won the tournament by two strokes after shooting a tournament best 311 on the final day. The Aggies beat Union University, who lead after the first day, as well as a trio of teams from Tennessee including tournament host Christian Brothers University who placed fifth.

The Murray State College Women's Golf Team travels to Salina, Kansas on March 25-27 for a tournament at Kansas Wesleyan University.

MSC Men's Golf Team places fourth at Buccaneer Spring Classic, Van Geet ties for 9th

At the Buccaneer Spring Classic on March 11 and 12, the Murray State College Men's Golf Team finished fourth place as a team and sophomore Emiel Van Geet tied for ninth place individually. The Aggies, who were tied for sixth place after one day, finished behind tournament host Christian Brothers University, Delta State University and tournament champion West Georgia University. Van Geet shot an even par 70 on the final day of the tournament to secure ninth place.

Buccaneer Spring Classic							
Team Leaderboard							
North Creek Golf Course - BUCCANEER SPRING CLASSIC - Par 70 - 6397 Yards							
Southaven, MS US							
Mar 11-12, 2019							
Pos	Team	To Par	Thru	Today	R1	R2	Total
1	-	+2	F	+2	280	282	562
2	Δ 2	+3	F	-6	289	274	563
3	-	+7	F	E	287	280	567
4	Δ 3	+23	F	+8	295	288	583
T5	Δ 1	+26	F	+17	289	297	586
T5	Δ 4	+26	F	+7	299	287	586
7	Δ 5	+27	F	+21	286	301	587
8	Δ 11	+31	F	+12	299	292	591
9	Δ 5	+37	F	+28	289	308	597
10	Δ 1	+44	F	+24	300	304	604
11	Δ 1	+46	F	+20	306	300	606
12	Δ 4	+47	F	+31	296	311	607
13	-	+51	F	+20	311	300	611
14	-	+80	F	+40	320	320	640
15	-	+127	F	+67	340	347	687

Coming off their fourth-place finish at the Buccaneer Classic, the Murray State College Men's Golf Team compete in a tournament at Kansas Wesleyan University March 25-27.

MSC Livestock Judging Team finishes year strong, placing in top 10 in final two competitions

The Murray State College Livestock Judging Team finished their season strong with top 10 finishes in each of its last two national livestock judging competitions this semester. MSC finished seventh overall in team competition at the 2019 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo on February 23, 2019.

They followed up with a ninth place finish overall in the team competition at the 2019 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on March 11. Murray State College freshman Kaylee Piatt also placed fourth in the overall individual and sixth in the individual sheep and goat judging competitions in Houston.



Pictured from left to right are Bailey Hatley, Kaylee Piatt, Emma Meeks, JB Bell, Braden Allen, Jared Roach and MSC Livestock Judging Coach Blaine Red.

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April 1, 2019

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Fall/Sum. Enrollment Begins- Current Students

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- Softball at Western Okla. State College
Altus, OK- 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Intramural Basketball
Basketball Courts by Aggie Suites, - 7-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- Student Veterans Association Meeting
Faculty Dinning Room- 12 noon- 1p.m.
- Chickasaw 'First Encounters' presentation
Health Science, Rm. 126, Tishomingo &
UCSO Rm. 151, Ardmore - 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- Baseball vs. NOC-Tonkawa
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Financial Aid Disbursement

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- Pi Society Softball Tournament
Tishomingo Sports Complex- 8 a.m.
- Baseball at vs. NOC-Tonkawa
Tonkawa, OK- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

MSC mourns the tragic loss of long-time professor, friend, and colleague

Students and staff at Murray State College are grieving following the sudden death of long-time MSC math professor Greg Boyd on March 27. While on his way to teach class at the main campus in Tishomingo, he was involved in a car crash on State Highway 1 in Johnston County.

“Greg was a gifted and dedicated educator who spent 22 years as an employee at Murray State College. He valued student success and worked diligently to make math accessible to all,” Murray State College President Joy McDaniel said in a letter to staff. “His death is a great loss to his family and all of us who loved him here at Murray State College.”

In addition to teaching at Murray State College for over two decades, Boyd was leading the statewide Math Pathways Initiative pushing for an academic system allowing students to take math courses suited for their specific major. In his role as Math and Computer Science Division Chair, he also helped bring new technologies to campus such as the recent addition of a hover podium in CR204 as well as purchasing spherical robots for the computer science program used for the first time in the Programming I course in October.

In a sign of respect, members of the MSC Student Veterans Association, many of whom were former or current students of Professor Boyd, lowered flags on campus to half staff starting last week. Also, the Pi Society’s co-ed softball tournament scheduled on April 6 will now be donating half of the proceeds raised to Boyd’s family.

Grief counseling was made available at MSC campuses in Ardmore and Tishomingo last week and additional grief counseling services can be requested by contacting Vice President for Student Services Michaelle Gray at 580-387-7131 or mgray@mscok.edu.

Information on planned services and remembrance events will be sent to staff and students once finalized.

Better Together

Buddhism, while called a religion, is different from many other religions because it has no supreme being around which it is organized. Instead, practitioners follow guidelines established by Siddhartha Gautama, a prince of India born in the sixth century BCE in what is today Nepal. He gave up the throne and left his family to seek answers to why humans experience suffering, disease, old age, and death. Siddhartha sought out wise teachers, studied, and lived an austere ascetic life. To his regret, he did not find the answers he sought, but his ardent search and deep meditation brought him great insight. He had lived a life of self indulgence in the palace and then a life of self denial on his journey. He realized there was a ‘middle way,’ a balance between these two extremes through meditation.

Siddhartha determined that life involves suffering caused by desire and grasping and the way out of suffering is the ‘Noble Eightfold Path.’ The Path consists of habits of ethical conduct, thought, and meditation. Within his lifetime, Siddhartha attracted a considerable following and became known as the Buddha, an honorific title meaning the ‘Enlightened One’ or ‘Awakened One.’ Many of his followers, like him, practiced monasticism, dedicating themselves to a religious way of life by renouncing worldly pursuits to devote themselves fully to spiritual work, while others remained as laity, simply learning from his teachings.

Several major Buddhist traditions gradually developed including the Theravada tradition of South and Southeast Asia, the Mahayana tradition of China, Korea, Vietnam, and Japan, and the Vajrayana tradition of Tibet. Today, nine to 10 percent of the world’s population, mostly located in Asian countries, practices Buddhism. It is considered a universal religion because it is not specifically tied to a particular people or land.

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On Wednesday, April 3 Chickasaw Speaker Joe Thomas will give the informative and entertaining presentation 'First Encounters' about early Chickasaw interactions with European explorers such as Hernando de Soto. Thomas currently serves as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture and Humanities.

The presentation can be viewed in Room 126 of the MSC Health Sciences Building in Tishomingo and in Room 151 of the University Center of Southern Oklahoma in Ardmore starting at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to the public and attendees are encouraged to bring friends and family.

Ardmore students and staff are encouraged to view a collection of framed photographs of Native Americans on loan to Murray State College from the Oklahoma History Center. The collection, *Family Album: Photographs by Pierre Tartoue*, will remain at the University Center of Southern Oklahoma through Friday, April 5 and then be on display in the Murray State College Library in Tishomingo from April 7 to May 3.

In the late 1930s to early 1950s, Tartoue spent most of his time in Oklahoma painting and producing photographs capturing the renaissance of American Indian communities, including the emergence of large intertribal expositions and powwows. This rebirth of Native American culture and traditions would not have been possible without strong multi-generation American Indian families. Tartoue's photography helped document this while also connecting us to our past and reminding us of not only who we were, but also who we continue to be. This exhibit is sponsored by the Student Success Center with funding from the NASNTI grant, and by the MSC Native Club, Cultural Events Committee, and Responsible Citizenship Committee.



Come join fellow students and staff by participating in one or all of the exciting Chickasaw events during the month of April. More details will be provided in the Aggelite the week before each event.

Appointments available for Veterinary Technology Low Cost Spay and Neuter Day

Murray State College Veterinary Technology is holding a low-cost spay and neuter clinic on April 9. This service is for the dogs and cats of income-qualified residents. Cost will be \$35 for cats and \$45 for dogs under 50 pounds and \$50 for dogs over 50 pounds. Vaccinations for DHLPP (canine), FVRCP (feline), and rabies will also be available. Proof of 2018 or 2019 tax returns are required. Call MSC Veterinary Technology at 580-387-7520 to schedule an appointment.

Summer/ Fall enrollment begins this week for current students

Enrollment for upcoming semesters begins today, April 1, for current students. New students can enroll beginning Monday, April 8. Those enrolling for summer and fall classes are encouraged to meet with the Academic Advisement Office as soon as possible before scheduling classes.

These meetings allow advisors and students to perform degree checks, update enrollment plans, and resolve any holds on accounts prior to enrollment.

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AGGIE ATHLETICS

Portion of proceeds from April 6 Pi Society Softball Tournament donated to family of Prof. Boyd

The Pi Society softball tournament will take place April 6, 2019 at the Tishomingo Sports Complex. Organizers of the tournament are still looking to put together additional teams of Murray State College students and MSC faculty, staff and friends. This fun-filled tournament was organized to raise funds to help students participate in Math and Science Day events. This year, half of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the family of Professor Greg Boyd and the other half will be used for scholarships.

If you or your group of friends are interested in playing, but do not have enough people to fill out a whole team, please contact Kendra Parker (580-387-7493 or cell 405-314-8371). Sign up cost is \$15 per person. There will also be a \$1 admission fee for those wanting to come cheer on participants from the stands.

The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. at the Tishomingo Sports Complex and will also include a home run derby competition.

Everyone in the Murray State College Family is encouraged to come out Saturday to play, or support friends and colleagues on the field while supporting Professor Boyd's family and helping provide student opportunities.



Pi Society
Benefit
Softball Tournament
Co-Ed & Double Elimination
Saturday- April 6, 2019
Tishomingo Sports Complex

Team Entry: \$150 (Max 15 players per team)
Team Ratio: 7 men & 3 women
Admission: \$1

Make Checks Payable to MSC Pi Society

Contact/Registration:
Kendra Parker -405.314.8371 • Laura Wright- 405.331.0258

Proceeds from the event will go to
the family of Greg Boyd and Math Scholarships

Winning team receives gift basket with over \$750 in gifts

Home Run Derby
\$20 per person

Home Run Bands
\$10

50/50 Payout

Ball Size:
Men- Core 44
(400 or less)
Women- Any Size

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MSC Softball goes 1-1 in double header versus NOC- Enid

After a pair of games on the road and being out for Spring Break, the Murray State College Softball Team returned home to Tishomingo Thursday, March 28 to take on Northern Oklahoma College-Enid. In the first game, the Aggies took a one-run lead in the first inning, but fell behind after the Jets scored three runs in the fourth. Both teams scored a run in the sixth inning and NOC-Enid held on to win the game four runs to two.

The Aggies were led by pitcher Madison Coats who faced 21 batters through four innings. MSC freshmen Taylor Battiest and Payton Griffin each had an RBI and fellow freshmen Brayden Tisdale and Mikayla Rutland each had a stolen base in the game.

In the second game of the day, the Aggies jumped out to an early three-to-one lead in the second inning. After scoring a pair of runs in both the fifth and sixth innings, the Aggies were able to hold off the Jets in the final inning to win the game seven to five.

Sophomore Madison Morris pitched all seven innings, facing 31 batters and striking out one. Sophomores Jaylee Eaves and Savannah Ashford and Freshmen Taleigh Nail, Destiny Tiger, Mikayla Rutland, and Jill Dixon all had RBIs in the game.

This week, the Aggies travel to Altus for a double headers with Western Oklahoma State College on Tuesday, April 2.



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April 8, 2019

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Fall/Sum. Enrollment Opens- New Students

- Baseball at Grayson College
Denison, TX- 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- High School Senior Day
MSC Tishomingo Campus, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Softball at Connors State College
Warner, OK- 3 p.m., 5 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Intramural Volleyball
Volleyball Courts by Dorms, - 7-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- Chickasaw Craft Demonstration
Library Lawn, Tishomingo - 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- Baseball vs. Western Okla. State College
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Softball at Seminole State College
Seminole, OK- 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- Baseball at Western Okla. State College
Altus, OK- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Softball at Eastern Okla. State College
Wilburton, OK- 2 p.m., 4 p.m.



Last Week in Photos...



Special News

Linda Nelson recognized for 40-year career at Murray State College

It is hard to describe the impact someone makes during 40 years of dedicated service. As coworkers and friends gathered April 1, 2019 to celebrate Linda Nelson and applaud her 40 years working in food service at Murray State College, many talked about how much they love and appreciate her. In fact, most don't know what they would do without her presence, knowledge and experience on a daily basis.

As she instinctively sliced a cake decorated for the occasion and began serving coworkers who gathered to celebrate, Nelson talked about how grateful she is for the job she has held for over four decades on MSC's Tishomingo Campus.



"I've seen changes in the students and the people I work with and I really enjoy working here," said Nelson. "It is wonderful."

Melissa Barton is the director of Great Western Dining which currently provides food service at Murray State College. Barton describes Nelson as "The glue that keeps everything together."

Nelson began work at Murray State when the college operated its food service internally. She has remained in her position through multiple food-service companies that have contracted with the college, working since 2014 with Great Western Dining.

"Linda is the type of person and employee who makes Murray State College unique. I'm not sure you'll find a Linda Nelson on many other campuses, and we are so glad to have her here at Murray," said MSC President Joy McDaniel. Whether working in the snack bar, cafeteria or at catering events, Nelson said she loves getting to know and talking with students.

"It takes a special person to work with and relate to students and someone even more special to love coming to work after 40 years in the same job! We appreciate Linda in every way," said McDaniel.

While she claims to have considered retirement occasionally, Nelson keeps coming back every year because she loves her job and all the people she interacts with daily. She also says that her responsibilities keep things interesting, from decorating cakes to catering campus events. But from the beginning to the end of every day, it's all about the students for Linda Nelson.

"Tomorrow there's a big contest on campus and we will run, run, run," said Nelson. "But after all is said and done, we will feel like we accomplished something and the students will realize we care."

MSC Cultural Events Committee highlights Chickasaw Nation with events in April

In the month of April, Murray State College and the MSC Cultural Events Committee will be hosting a number of events presented by the Chickasaw Nation.

The next event in the month of activities is a 'make and take' craft demonstration. On Wednesday, April 10 at 1 p.m. a Chickasaw artist will show us how to make traditional corn husk dolls. Since the best way to learn is by doing, all participants will be making one of their own to take. The presentation will also include the story behind corn husk dolls and their importance in Chickasaw culture. In hopes that it is a nice day, the event will be held outside on the lawn in front of the library. In the case of rain, the event will move inside the library. Everyone is encouraged to come learn a new skill and have some fun in the process.



Update: The Oklahoma Historical Society photography collection, *Family Album: Photographs by Pierre Tartoue*, will remain at the University Center until Wednesday, April 10 and then be displayed at the Murray State College Library beginning Thursday, April 11.

Special News

Murray State College Phi Beta Lambda students qualify at State Leadership Conference

Members of the Murray State College Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda attended the annual Oklahoma Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference on March 29 and March 30, 2019 in Oklahoma City.

Students competed in both objective testing and performance events in 22 different categories, with the top five placers earning recognition. A record number of MSC students qualified for this year's National Leadership Conference in San Antonio. The following Murray State College students placed at the state competition, qualifying them to move on to the national competition:



- Aaron Elliott and Alyssa Northcutt placed first in Integrated Marketing
- Alyssa Northcutt placed first in Job Interview
- Aaron Elliott placed second in Marketing Analysis & Decision Making
- Darian Gonzalez placed first in Community Service Project and second in Global Analysis & Decision Making
- Kathy Hays placed first in Accounting Analysis & Decision Making
- Melizza Hernandez placed second in Contemporary Sports Issues and third in both Information Management and Project Management
- Kimberly Howard placed second in both Business Communications and Organizational Behavior & Leadership
- Cynthia Thomsen placed second in Management Concepts
- Lesley Smith placed third in both Client Service and Personal Finance
- In addition, Raymond Massingill, Amanda Upton, and Kassandra Jimenez competed

“We are elated to have so many students competing at the state level and advancing to nationals. These students are committed to success in every sense of the word. I am certain they will represent MSC well at nationals and in the years to come,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Students will attend the National Leadership Conference in June to compete against students from both two- and four-year colleges across the United States. In addition to a full range of business competitions, attendees at state and national conferences participate in business, career, and leadership workshops, elect state and national officers, and showcase their service, education, and progress projects.

Better Together

On March 14, 2019, an individual entered two mosques in New Zealand and killed 49 people attending call to prayer. The gunman live streamed part of this terrible assault and left behind a hate filled ‘manifesto’ at the second mosque.

On March 17, 2019, the CBN News reported that “At least 120 people have been killed in a series of alleged attacks by the Fulani militia on Christian communities in the Adara chieftom of southern Kaduna in Nigeria since February.” The Fulani militia are also known as the Fulani herdsmen, the majority of whom are Muslim and have fought with Christian farmers over grazing lands.

On March 6, 2019, closer to home in the United States and not approaching near the tragedy, a teacher in an elementary school in Salt Lake City handed a wet wipe to a student to “clean his face”. It was Ash Wednesday and the young catholic student had come to class with the cross of ashes on his forehead. The teacher claimed to have no idea that the mark was part of a religious ceremony and custom.

These events demonstrate a crisis tied to the current lack of empathy and understanding of those around us. This crisis can be alleviated when people begin to study and learn truths about the different faiths and people throughout world. We encourage others to seek the truth through Interfaith studies and, once enlightened, it will be obvious that we truly are “better together!”

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Special News

Summer/ Fall enrollment now open for all students

The enrollment window for the upcoming summer and fall semesters is now open for both current and new students. Those enrolling for summer and fall classes are encouraged to meet with the Academic Advisement Office as soon as possible before scheduling classes.

These meetings allow advisors and students to perform degree checks, update enrollment plans, and resolve any holds on accounts prior to enrollment.

Tishomingo students can stop by the Academic Advisement Office in Suite 103 of the Student Services Building, call 580-387-7203 or email academicadvisement@mscok.edu to schedule a meeting.

Ardmore students can stop by the MSC Suite at UCSO, call 580-319-0370 or email academicadvisement@mscok.edu.



Student Success Center now offering online financial education course

First announced last semester, the Student Success Center online financial education, CashCourse is now available to all Murray State College students.

This year, the SSC received a supplemental grant from the U.S. Department of Education to allow them to expand their services to include financial literacy and financial education initiatives. The first such initiative is the CashCourse program. CashCourse is a free, online financial education resource teaching practical financial skills to help students focus on and achieve their financial goals.

In other words, if you're interested in learning how to better manage your money, visit the "Other Services" page of the Student Success Center section on the MSC website and follow the CashCourse link to get started.

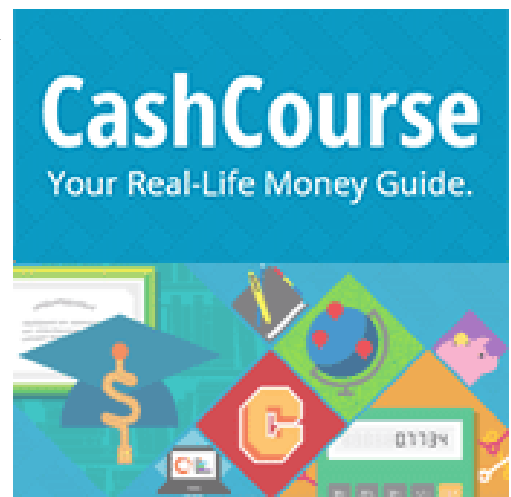
Per their website, CashCourse can provide students with

- Free online financial education courses through instructor assignments or self-study.
- Customizable financial tools such as worksheets, a Budget Wizard, quizzes and calculators.
- A personal dashboard to track your progress with articles and resources
- A guide to real-life money questions

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CashCourse is a free, online financial education resource designed specifically for college and university students. Created with input from real students and universities, CashCourse equips students with information that helps them make informed financial decisions from orientation to graduation and beyond.

Currently, CashCourse is used by more than 200,000 students in more than 1,000 schools including small private colleges, large public universities and both two-year and four-year programs in all 50 states.



AGGIE ATHLETICS

Aggie Baseball splits double header at home versus NOC-Tonkawa

Coming off a pair of convincing wins against Southwest Collegiate Prep the previous week, the Murray State College baseball team welcomed Northern Oklahoma College- Tonkawa to The Ranch for a double header on April 4.

After giving up a home run in the first inning and three runs in the top of the 3rd inning, the Aggies answered with three runs of their own in the bottom of the third to pull within a run. These runs came thanks to a series of singles by sophomores Gehrig Octavio, Jonathan Brandon, Austin Garrett, Jake Gray, Matt McElwain, and Chris Lopez to advance runners, scoring three before NOC got the final out of the inning on a pop fly by freshman Ryan Stiles. The Aggies scored another three runs in the sixth inning to take their first lead of the game, but NOC-Tonkawa came storming back, scoring three runs in the seventh inning to hold on to win the first game of the double header seven to six.



Beginning with two scoreless innings, the Mavericks took the first lead of the second game on a three-run home run by catcher Casey Harper. The Aggies answered with a sacrifice fly to score Mason Brinkley and a triple by Austin Garrett to score Gehrig Octavio. Following a sacrifice fly by Matt McElwain to score Garrett, the Aggies evened the score at three runs each to end the third inning. Murray State scored one run in each of the next three innings, including a home run by McElwain in the 5th inning, to take a three-run lead going into the seventh inning. The Mavericks scored a run in the seventh and two runs in the eighth to tie the game at six runs going into the final inning. The Aggies held NOC scoreless in the top of the ninth inning, leading to a walk off home run by McElwain in the Aggies first at bat of the ninth inning.

The win propelled the Aggies to a winning record for the year. The Aggies then traveled to Tonkawa on April 5 to conclude their home-and-away series with the Mavericks. After two offense-heavy games in Tonkawa, the Mavericks ended up winning both games on their home field to win the series.

The Aggies return to action today at 1 p.m. when they take on Grayson County College in Denison, Texas. The Aggies, currently 18-18 for the season, are looking to avenge their March 25 home loss to Grayson and get back in the win column.

The Murray Mile



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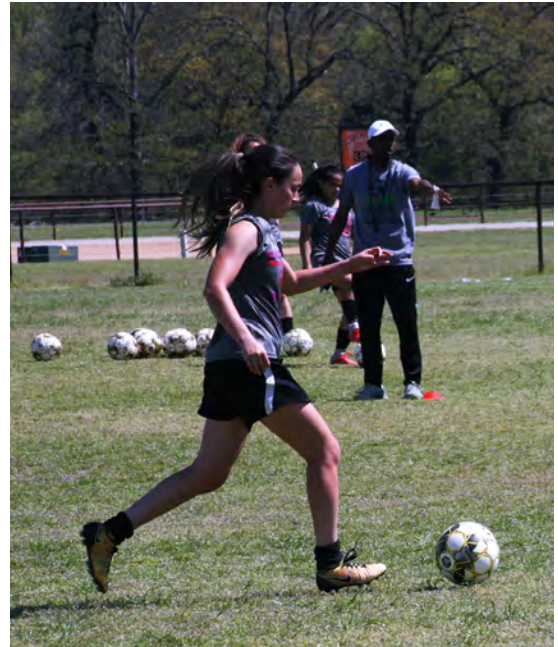
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Upcoming Events

MONDAY, APRIL 15

- Baseball at Western Okla. State College
Altus, OK- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- Softball vs. Rose State College
Softball Fields, Tishomingo- 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- PTK Study Break
MSC Library, Tishomingo - 2-4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Student Government Association Meeting
SS-202, Tishomingo- 6 p.m.
- Film Presentation- *Pearl*
Indie Cinema, Tishomingo- 6:30 p.m.
- Intramural Flag Football
Admin. Building Lawn, - 7-9 p.m.
- Board of Regents Meeting
MSC Board Room, Admin. Bldg.- 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- Southeastern Recruiter On Campus
Student Union, Tishomingo - 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Student Veterans Association Meeting
Faculty Dining Room, Tishomingo- 12 noon

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- Baseball at NOC-Enid
Enid, OK - 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Softball at NOC-Enid
Enid, OK- 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

No Class/Campus Closed- Professional Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- Baseball vs. NOC-Enid
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 1 p.m., 4 p.m.

Fitness Center Closure: The Fitness Center will close after lunch on Thursday, April 18, 2019 for Easter Weekend and will reopen at lunch on Monday, April 22, 2019.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

UCSO Board of Trustees rename math classroom in honor of MSC Professor Greg Boyd

During their meeting on April 11, 2019, University Center of Southern Oklahoma (UCSO) Board of Trustees dedicated a classroom lab to the memory of long-time Murray State College Math Professor Greg Boyd.

Previously known as Room 162, the lab was renamed in memory of MSC's late math and computer science division chair who was killed in an automobile accident on March 22, 2019.

"Greg was the kind of professor that every student needed and the kind of colleague we all relied on. He is going to be sorely missed," said MSC Professor Kirk Rodden, a colleague and friend of Boyd's for nearly a quarter century.

Vice Chair of UCSO Board of Trustees Cynthia Jordan said "In his honor, the board would like to acknowledge and memorialize the math lab since it is one of the rooms that bears his stamp."

After dedicating the math lab classroom, trustees then approved a resolution officially dedicating the math lab to Boyd. In part, the resolution states: Greg Boyd was a dedicated instructor for Murray State College at the University Center of Southern Oklahoma from 1997 to 2019. Greg Boyd was a distinctive individual, a friend to all, and his presence at the University Center is irreplaceable.

"As a colleague, teacher, leader, and friend, Greg Boyd will always be woven into the history and culture of Murray State College - both in Ardmore and Tishomingo. He was an amazing person who enriched many lives both in and out of the classroom. His influence lives on, but he is, without a doubt, missed by all at Murray State College," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

In addition to leading the statewide Math Pathways Initiative, pushing for academic systems allowing students to take math courses suited for their specific majors, Boyd was greatly involved in planning and design of math classrooms in Ardmore's new UCSO building.

MSC Cultural Events Committee highlights Chickasaw Nation with events

In the month of April, Murray State College and the MSC Cultural Events Committee will be hosting a number of events presented by the Chickasaw Nation.

The next event is a presentation of the film *Pearl*, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16 at the Indie Theater in downtown Tishomingo. It is the inspiring story of the youngest pilot in the United States, a 13-year old Chickasaw girl who took her first solo flight on September 12, 1929. The film makers will be in attendance and available to talk about the making of the movie and answer questions.

On April 24, students are invited to participate in a field trip to the Chickasaw Capital, Council House, and White House. Chickasaw guides will explain the significance of each location and after touring the White House, attendees can sample traditional Chickasaw food. The tour will begin just after 12 noon. If you are interested, please send an email to Dr. Jacobs-Pollez (rjacobspollez@mscok.edu) for details and to sign up.

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Pictured with Murray State College faculty and staff from Ardmore is Melissa Boyd (center with certificate), widow of MSC Professor Greg Boyd.



Special News

MSC students attend International Student Recognition Day at State Capitol

Murray State College international students represented their peers and the college as part of International Student Recognition Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on April 3, 2019.

Attending the events were MSC students Andressa “Andy” Nascimento (Portugal), Fama Gueye (Senegal), Lethabo Kedijang (South Africa), Jeancy Matumona-Bau (Belgium), and Malona Tailashi (Zambia).

The MSC group joined more than 40 students enrolled at six Oklahoma higher education institutions in visiting the Capitol. The group, representing 37 countries, heard about governing principles from officials including Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt, Secretary for Native American Affairs Lisa Billy, and State Representative Mark McBride. Students took a tour of the Capitol, were recognized by Representative McBride during a House of Representatives session and had lunch with legislators and staff. The students also received official citations signed by the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Rep. McBride for their participation in the event.



The annual event offers international college students from governing systems across the political spectrum to see the state’s legislative process in action. Meanwhile, Oklahoma’s elected leaders have the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with individuals who have left home to live and study in Oklahoma.

Better Together

As a result of forced dispersion of the inhabitants of Africa, the Atlantic perimeter hosts a wide range of religions based on western African ideas. All acknowledge a supreme God, often called the ‘high God,’ but also recognize multiple spirit beings in daily life. To contact these spirits, worshipers perform sacred dances accompanied often by percussive music. Through this contact and celebratory feasting, worshipers complete rites of passage, cleansing, or healing rituals to cope with misfortune, illness, and grief, and to achieve success. Those who make a lifelong commitment to a spirit are called a ‘wife’ or ‘horse’ to acknowledge the centrality of that god in their lives. In reciprocity, the gods are believed to control and care for their worshipers. In many such traditions both food offerings and blood sacrifices are given to the spirits.

African traditions made their most recognizable contributions to the Caribbean and South American religions of Candomble, Shango and Umbanda in Brazil, Santería in Cuba, Shango in Trinidad, Obeah and Myalism in Jamaica, and Vodou in Haiti. These religions originated from intermingling practices brought to the region by people from various parts of Africa and the mixture of Indigenous American, West African and European cultures. As they continued to develop in the Americas, most of the African-inspired traditions incorporated Christian practices, particularly Catholic symbols such as statues, lithographs, candles, and stories. For example, in ‘Santería,’ which began as Africa-based beliefs Yoruba or Lucumi, the gods, known as orisha, are melded with the saints of Cuban Catholicism.

Since the 1950s, Caribbean immigration to the United States has resulted in a new range of African-inspired religions among native-born African Americans. Some have joined these Afro-Caribbean traditions while others simply borrow practices from them in an effort to reestablish connections with Africa. One example, Haitian Vodou has practitioners throughout the United States, but predominantly in New York, Florida, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. In the United States, Haitian Vodou oungans (priests) and manbos (priestesses) have been forced to change aspects of worship to make Vodou practices meaningful to Americans. Other Caribbean traditions have come to the U.S. including Jamaican Obeah, Pukumina, and Rastafarianism. In the United States, Rastafarian reggae music by performers such as Bob Marley, has become perhaps the best known aspect of this Jamaican religious tradition.

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AGGIE ATHLETICS

MSC sophomore Irion wins tournament, team places third at Susie Maxwell Berning Classic

The Murray State College women's golf team was back in action on April 8 and 9, competing in the Susie Maxwell Berning Classic at the Lincoln Park Golf Club in Oklahoma City. The team finished third following superb play by sophomore Brooke Irion, who shot a 71 to lead all individuals after the first round, and held on to win the two-day tournament by one stroke.



MSC sophomore Rian Moores finished tied for fourth place, one stroke behind a pair of golfers from Grand View University and Oklahoma City University who tied for second behind Irion.

Tournament host Oklahoma City University, ranked 17th in NAIA, won the team portion of the tournament edging out 11th-ranked Texas Wesleyan University by 16 strokes. The Aggies, a second team from OCU, and Wayland Baptist University rounded out the top five team finishers in the tournament.



MSC men's golf place 3rd, Wright 4th individually at Bethel Springs Invitational

The Murray State College men's golf team finished third and freshman Bradley Wright placed fourth individually at the Bethel Springs Invitational Tournament April 6 and 7 in Newton, Kansas. The Aggies finished nine shots behind second-place finisher Fort Hays State University and 13 shots behind tournament champion Kansas Wesleyan University who, with the win, secured their third consecutive tournament win. The first round of the tournament, hosted by Bethel College, took place at Hesston Golf Park with the second round played at the Sand Creek Station Golf Course.



On the individual leader board, Murray State College freshman Bradley Wright finished fourth overall after completing the two-day tournament at even par. Tied for 17th after the first day, Wright shot the best individual second round of the tournament to propel him to a fourth place finish behind a pair of golfers from Kansas Wesleyan University and one shot behind a golfer from Hannibal-LaGrange University.

In addition, Murray State College sophomore golfer Emiel Van Geet placed in the top 10 in the tournament, finishing in a three-way-tie for 10th place.

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- Softball at NE Oklahoma A&M
Miami, OK - 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Native Snake Identification Presentation
Admin. Bldg., Rm 216, Tishomingo - 6 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
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- Southeastern Recruiter On Campus
Student Union, Tishomingo - 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Chickasaw Field Trip
Vans leaving Tishomingo at 12 noon
- Athletic Banquet
Aggie Ballroom, Tishomingo- 6 p.m.
- SSC/Native Club Speaker- Linda Hogan
Admin. Bldg., Rm 216, - 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- Baseball at Carl Albert State College
Poteau, OK - 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Softball vs. Western Okla. State College
MSC Softball Field- 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Academic Awards Ceremony
Aggie Ballroom, Tishomingo- 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- BINGO Fundraiser- Aggie Ambassadors
Johnston Co. Fair Barn, Tishomingo- 6:30 p.m.
- Musical/ Acting Final Project presentation
Aggie Ballroom, Tishomingo- 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- The Murray Mile Fundraiser
West side of Health Science Bldg.- 9 a.m.
- Women's Soccer Family & Alumni Day
MSC Soccer Field, Tishomingo - 11 a.m.
- Baseball vs. Carl Albert State College
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
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Tonkawa, OK - 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

Chickasaw author Linda Hogan to speak in Tishomingo at MSC on April 24

The Murray State College Student Success Center, in conjunction with the MSC Native Club, is proud to announce a presentation by renowned Chickasaw author Linda Hogan on the evening of Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Tishomingo. The presentation will be held in the MSC Administration Building, Room 216. There is no charge and the event is open to all MSC students, faculty, and staff, and community members in Tishomingo and surrounding communities.

Hogan is an internationally recognized public speaker and writer of poetry, fiction, and essays. Her works include poetry collections *The Book of Medicines* (1993), *Rounding the Human Corners* (2008), and *Dark. Sweet.* (2014), novels *Mean Spirit* (1991) and *People of the Whale* (2008), and nonfiction essays/memoir *Dwellings* (2007) and *The Woman Who Watches over the World* (2002). Her most recent works are: *A History of Happiness*, a poetry collection; *The Mercy Liars*, a novel; and *The Radiant Life of Animals*, a collection of essays.

Hogan's writing has been praised for its lyric qualities and its ability to illuminate a new environmental and indigenous activism. As such, Hogan has received a variety of awards and accolades, including being nominated for a Pulitzer prize for *Rounding the Human Corners* and being selected as a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for *The Book of Medicines*. Along with these, her novel *Mean Spirit* was selected as a finalist for the Pulitzer prize, while winning the Oklahoma Book Award and the Mountains and Plains Book Award.

Her other awards and honors include the 2016 Thoreau Prize, a Native Arts and Cultural Award, an American Book Award, a Lannan Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas. She has served as the Chickasaw Nation's Writer in Residence and was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 2007 for her contributions to indigenous literatures.

Along with her writing, Hogan has also worked as an educator and activist for Native American interests. She has served as a faculty member at the Indian Arts Institute in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and is a Professor Emerita at the University of Colorado. She has also been involved with the Native Arts and Cultural Foundation, the Native Science Dialogues, the New Native American Academy, the Chickasaw Children's Home, and the SEED Graduate Institute. As a public speaker, Hogan has given presentations on world religions and tribal sovereignty at the International Congress in Melbourne, Australia, on eco-criticism in Alcalá, Spain, and readings and speeches at the International Writers Conference in Podgorica, Montenegro, and the Environmental Humanities conference in Perpignan, France.

After traveling the world, Hogan says she's excited to be returning to Tishomingo, her former home, for the upcoming presentation at Murray State College. For questions contact Christy Green at cgreen@mscok.edu.

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Murray State College Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

On April 14, 2019, Murray State College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held a ceremony to honor the 42 Murray State College students who were newly inducted into Phi Theta Kappa for the spring 2019 semester. Seventeen of these students attended the Spring Induction Ceremony held in the MSC Ballroom.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. Members participate in activities focused around the organization's four pillars of leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service. All Murray State College students who have completed at least 12 credit hours and have a 3.5 GPA are eligible to join. Final selection for membership in the organization is made by a faculty committee and is based not only on the scholastic requirement but also on qualities of character and leadership.

Newly inducted members for the spring semester were Daryll Arnold, Katherine Bohnam, Lydia Bracken, Taylor Breshears, Kelly Briggs, Shaya Claxton, Cougan Collins, Kelsey Coon, Roxanne Dickerson, Lucas Drummond, Montana Etchison, Megan Gardner, Tyson Hammons, Dylan Hardwick, Melizza Hernandez, Sarah Huhman, Chloe Imotichy, Cassandra Jimenez, Casey Kirkman, Sherron Lee, Lori Maxwell, Jenna Mayer, Jovanny Mijares, Jerry Milburn, Jeffrey Phoenix, Julio Piedra, Melanie Piper, Kes Reeves, Ryan Ridge, Brisa Rivera, Alexes Sanchez, William Sandler, Brenna Sessions, Haley Sherfield, Emily Sloan, Lynzee Smith, Denin Spriggs, Amber Staley, Cynthia Thomsen, Lorenza Vasquez-Kirk, Yessenia Washington, and Leander Zenteno.

Invitations to join are extended once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester each year. For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, please contact Christy Green at cegreen@mscok.edu.



Attending MSC's Phi Theta Kappa spring 2019 induction ceremony were inductees (left to right) Sherron Lee, Kelly Briggs, Darian Gonzalez, Taylor Breshears, Jana Martin, Rhiannan Hinkle, Brenna Sessions, James Jones, Brisa Rivera, Alexes Sanchez, Kathy Hays, Melizza Hernandez, Leslie Smith, Roxanne Dickerson, Julio Piedra, Cassandra Jimenez and Emily Sloan

Murray State College to participate in Denim Day, April 24

On Wednesday, April 24, Murray State College students, staff, and faculty are invited to participate in Denim Day by wearing jeans. Denim Day, the longest-running sexual violence prevention and education campaign, calls on individuals and institutions to challenge destructive attitudes and myths surrounding sexual violence.

The campaign's practice of wearing jeans on Denim Day recalls a ruling in the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she was complicit in the perpetrator's actions. The following day, women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim.

This nationwide Denim Day campaign, which began more than 20 years ago, seeks to inspire individuals to believe and support survivors, to challenge rape culture, and to protest destructive attitudes surrounding sexual assault.



Special News

Lessons from Notre Dame

by Dr. Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez

When I was nine years old, the Air Force stationed our family in France. I will be eternally grateful to my parents who took us out every weekend to visit some new place. I remember many times the wheels of our big Dodge station wagon rumbling over cobbled streets of large and small villages. We ate lovely food and I could never get enough bread. On one trip, we visited Beaugency and its medieval church. Inside was dark and cool and I remember standing in the pool of colors made by the sun as it poured through the stained-glass windows. I stretched my arms out and twirled as the colors flowed over me. I was in awe, not because it was a religious building, but simply because it was so beautiful. Last week another medieval church, in this case a cathedral, was nearly destroyed by fire. Notre Dame was beautiful and it seems, thankfully, it will be so again. Thanks to brave firemen, the building was saved from complete destruction. It can be restored and many of the works of art it housed will be repaired and returned.

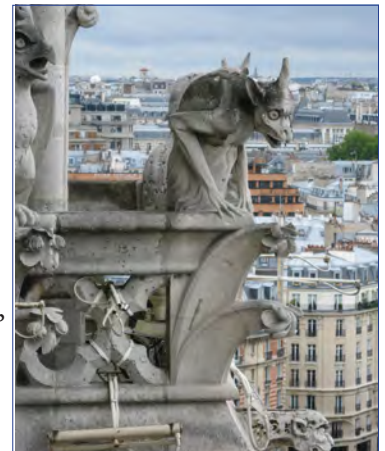
When I heard about the fire, I first wondered if it had been started by terrorists. I told several people about the fire and they all asked if it was terrorism. I began to wonder what kind of a world I lived in when our first thoughts had been to assume that the fire was caused by people full of hate. I am often told that the Middle Ages were a violent period, but in the over 800 years that Notre Dame has stood, it seems that we have not improved much.

We should take a lesson from medieval builders. They wanted anyone who entered a church to look up either to heaven, to hope or to the love of God. Within Notre Dame, your eyes automatically followed the ascent of the tall carved columns, up to the brilliantly-colored windows, to rest on the ceiling arches that made the final approach heavenward. Believe me, it was a long way up! I thought the most beautiful part of the building was the back, where the flying buttresses formed a circle of stone lace supporting the walls. The stone masons and wood carvers left us little secrets too. Behind the columns, where no one often looks, are carvings of saints, demons, and stories all hidden from normal view.

What could be seen before the fire was not just what medieval builders created though. Many buildings have a life. They grow and change and their history is visible in their structure. The Notre Dame began as a medieval structure, a gem of Gothic architecture, but it had been damaged, repaired, remodeled, and added to during different periods. It was brutalized during the French Revolution by those who wanted to disassociate France from Catholicism. It was repaired and the famous spire added early in the nineteenth century following the release of Victor Hugo's book, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. It survived World War II. In some ways it became a symbol of France, but through its age, the stories it tells and lessons it teaches us about humanity, it belongs to the world.

We continue learning about what it means to be human from reactions to the fire. Support from all over the world has poured in, along with enough money to restore and rebuild the structure. Yet, now questions are being asked about billionaires willing to contribute to the restoration of a building, but not to improve the lives of many in France living in poverty. Also, with all the worldwide publicity about Notre Dame, very little was mentioned about a similar fire at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. While damage was minimal, virtually no coverage occurred in Western media. I have been in several mosques covered in detailed, stunning tile work built to evoke in worshipers thoughts of heaven, hope, and the love of God. They also deserve our support and respect.

Better Together



What most people think of as gargoyles are chimeras, added during the nineteenth-century renovation. (At the bottom right is a gargoyle.)



This gargoyle, overlooking some flying buttresses, was one of a plethora of medieval drain spouts jutting from the cathedral walls, designed to protect the walls from flowing water damage.

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AGGIE ATHLETICS

MSC golfers finish first, second individually to help team win regional tournament

The Murray State College women's golf team putted themselves to victory, to become regional tournament champions at Lakeview Golf Course on April 15.

Helping propel the Aggies to victory were individual tournament champion Rian Moores and runner-up Kitana Hollins, both MSC sophomores. The victory secures MSC a spot in the NJCAA National Tournament to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida on May 13-16, 2019.



MSC softball splits series with Rose State, drop two games to NOC-Enid

The Murray State College softball team welcomed Rose State College to Tishomingo for a pair of games on April 16. After giving up three runs in the second inning of the first game, the Aggies held Rose State to just one run in the third inning and scoreless for the next four innings. The Aggies were unable to get their offense going against the Raiders throughout the game despite singles by Brayden Tisdale and Jaylee Evans and a double by Savannah Ashford. Aggie freshman Jill Dixon pitched a complete game, facing 31 batters in the Aggies five-run loss.



The second game between the Aggies and Raiders was also low scoring, but Murray State College was able to score the first and only run of the game thanks to a third inning RBI from Tisdale which brought Evans home. Aggie sophomore pitcher Madison Morris was able to keep the Raiders scoreless through all seven innings to help secure the Aggies one-run victory.

On April 18, the Aggies traveled to Enid to take on Northern Oklahoma College-Enid. In the first half of the first game, the Aggies and Jets traded multiple run innings, with the Aggies falling behind by four runs after a six-run fourth inning by the NOC-Enid. Scoring a single run in the sixth inning, the Aggies rallied in the top of the seventh inning, scoring five runs to take a one-run lead. The Jets answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to narrowly win the game 15 to 14.

In the second game of the day, the Jets displayed their powerful offense early and never slowed down, scoring eight runs in the first two innings and adding three more in the third inning to beat the Aggies 11 runs to two in five innings.

The Murray Mile

MSC AGGIES

Where: Murray State College Health Science Center
Tishomingo, Oklahoma
When: April 27th, 2019
9:00 AM


Registration begins on the west side of the health science center at 7:00 AM
Cost: \$5 for any runner 12 and under, \$10 for everyone 13 and up

Awards

- Come join us to run/walk a mile around the beautiful Murray State campus in Tishomingo!
- The course starts and finishes on the west side of the Health Science Center on MSC campus.
- The first 100 participants are guaranteed a shirt.
- Proceeds will benefit the Murray State PTA program.
- For more information or questions, please call Chase McMichael at 580-367-0066 or email at chasecmichael19@gmail.com
- Entry forms are available at the Murray State Health Science Center.
- For early entry, fill out the form below and mail to:
Murray State College
One Murray Campus
Tishomingo, Ok 73460
Attn: Sharon Young

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Arrive early as parking is limited.



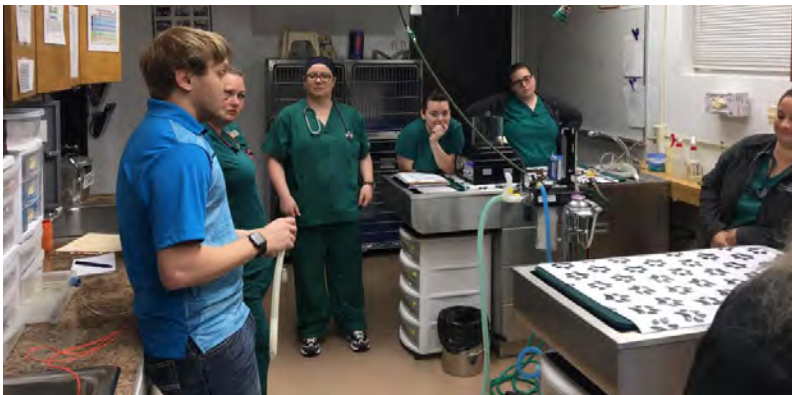
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Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- Softball vs. Coffeyville CC
MSC Softball Field - 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Intramural Water Slide Kickball
Aggie Suites Lawn, - 7-9 p.m.
- Musical/ Acting Final Project presentation
103 W. Main St., Ardmore- 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- Baseball vs. Redlands Community College
The Ranch, Tishomingo - 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Softball vs. Connors State College
MSC Softball Field- 2 p.m., 4 p.m..
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- End of the Year Celebration
Aggie Suites, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- Softball vs. North Arkansas College
Oktaha, OK- 12 noon., 2 p.m.
- Baseball at Redlands Community College
El Reno, OK- 1p.m., 4 p.m..

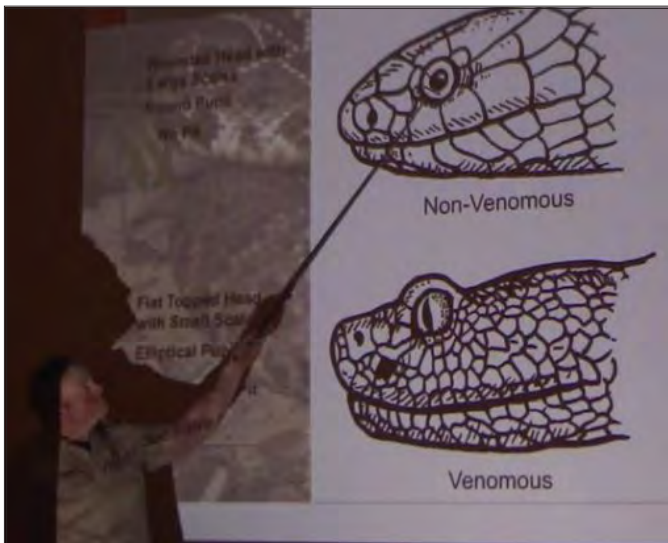
MAY 6 - MAY 10

- **Finals Week**
- Commencement: May 9th, 7 p.m.



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Last Week in Photos...



Special News

MSC Veterinary Technology student Julia Gaik to complete externship in Ireland

It is not every day that you get to enjoy the sights and sounds of a picturesque foreign country while gaining work experience in what you love. Murray State College Veterinary Technology student Julia Gaik has found a way to combine her passion of caring for animals and her eagerness to travel into an opportunity few will have in their lifetimes.

From late May through mid-July, Gaik will work alongside and assist 14 veterinarians on staff at Anglesey Lodge Equine Hospital in Kildaire, Ireland. A full equine facility, which includes ambulatory, surgery, lameness and critical care specialties, is also right next door to Ireland's most important equine racetrack, The Curragh.

Gaik, a 28-year-old barrel racer originally from Akron, New York, relocated to Oklahoma six years ago to escape cold weather of the upper northeast and pursue her love of horses. She said she chose the Murray State College Veterinary Technology Program because it was close her her home in Burneyville, Okla. and had the best reviews and accreditations.

As part of the program, students are required to complete an externship the summer semester following their sophomore year. The requirement provides real-life occupational experience to students through cooperative efforts between Murray State College and approved veterinary establishments.

"This part of the MSC Veterinary Technology Program is an excellent way for our students to explore opportunities and work in a variety of environments. Students get a first-hand look at experiences they may not have encountered in the classroom," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

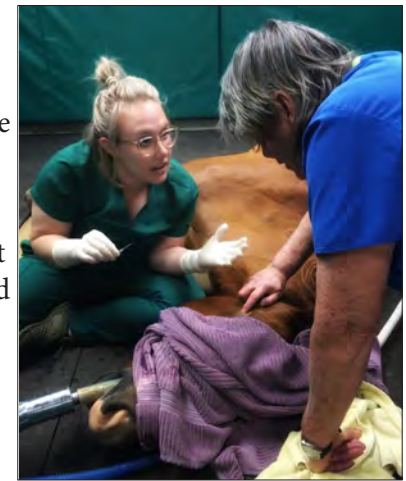
After working a summer at Performance Equine Associates, a renowned equine veterinary clinic in Thackerville, Gaik decided to transform her upcoming externship requirement into a memorable experience both professionally and geographically.

"I have visited Ireland and Scotland before and loved the countries. I am in a position in my life where moving is not an option. What better way to experience living there than by doing an externship?" said Gaik.

After finding 50 veterinary clinics in Scotland and three clinics in Ireland to research, Gaik began making contacts to discuss possible positions. Over three months she received responses from 10 different clinics in Scotland, but none had any opportunities available. Fortunately, all of Gaik's research and hard work paid off the week before Fall classes began when she heard back from the Anglesey Lodge Equine Hospital in Ireland and was offered a position.

Gaik says she is looking forward to her time in Ireland as an opportunity for learning about equine care as well as the professional culture of another country. Upon her return, she will continue working in the equine field.

For information about the Veterinary Technology Program at Murray State College, contact Debbie Reed at dreed@mascok.edu or Laura Sandmann at lsandmann@mascok.edu.



Acting I and Musical Theatre classes to perform final projects, April 30 in Ardmore

The Acting I class and the Musical Theatre Ensemble class will be performing their final projects beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 30th. The performances will take place at 103 W. Main Street (across from Main St. coffee) in Ardmore. Students, staff and community members are all invited to come to Ardmore for a great night of music and monologues.



Special News

Congratulations to MSC's 4.0 GPA students!

In addition to academic awards for each academic department, student and honor groups and MSC's Presidents Scholars Program, five Murray State College students were honored for qualifying to graduate Summa Cum Laude.

Each of these students earned the distinction by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average throughout their MSC academic career. Those students (pictured, left to right) were Alisa Northcutt, Kathryn Barnes, Madison Morris, Paige Lee, and Yanari Trevino.



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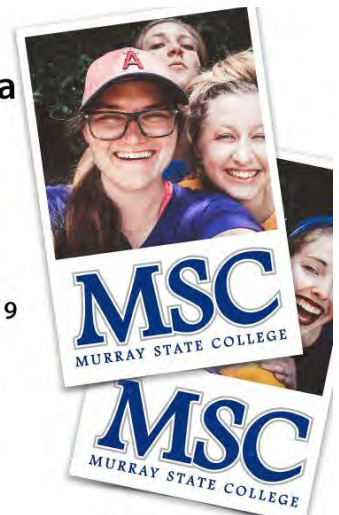
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Better Together

This week's Better Together column will examine two faiths that believe in and search for mankind's unity.

Sikhism, whose name is derived from disciple, seeker, or learner, is a monotheistic or monistic religion which began in the Punjab region of northern India around the end of the 15th century. One of the youngest of the major world religions, today it has over 30 million adherents. The fundamental beliefs of Sikhism were articulated in the sacred scriptures of Guru Nanak, who is said to have received revelation directly from God and transmitted it in hymns that proclaim the Divine Name of God, the liberating power of devotion to the Name, the kinship of all people, and the equality of men and women. Before his death, Guru Nanak designated a successor to serve as guru, and today the current guru is of the same designated lineage. Sikhs believe there is only one God of all humanity and he/she doesn't belong to the Sikhs alone. They find beauty and power in all religions and believe everyone is serving the same God.

The Baha'i Faith is a worldwide community of people from many races and cultures which began in mid-19th century Iran. Members of the Baha'i Faith believe in the oneness of God, the oneness of religion, and the oneness of mankind. One intriguing aspect of their belief is the idea that religion itself progresses. They adhere to the idea that religion is orderly and progressively revealed by God through 'manifestations of God.' These manifestations, or prophets, were the founders of major world religions throughout history such as Buddha, Jesus, Muhammad and most recently Bahá'u'lláh. Baha'i practitioners believe the purpose of life is to know and worship God and to contribute to the advancement of civilization. Their teachings offer solutions to problems that plagued mankind's ability to form unity and establish peace in the world.

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In keeping with the IFYC goal of respecting all beliefs, this semester's Better Together columns will present a brief overview of a different religion or belief system each week.



AGGIE ATHLETICS

MSC Baseball sweeps Carl Albert State College in home/away series

The Murray State College baseball team traveled to Poteau Friday, April 26 to take on Carl Albert State College before returning home to the Ranch to finish the series with the Vikings on Sunday, April 28. The Vikings entered the series on a four-game losing streak and a 17-19 overall record.

After jumping out to an early lead in the first game following a two RBI single from Jake Gray, MSC's Austin Garrett, who led the Aggies in homes runs (8) and RBIs (44) coming into the game, hit a two-run homerun early in the third inning. On the next at bat, Matt McElwain added a solo home run to increase the Aggie's lead over the Vikings to five runs. The Aggies, which held Carl Albert

State College to a single run in the third, fifth and sixth innings, closed out the game with a two-run home run from freshman Hunter Watson in the top of the seventh inning to secure the eight-to-three win.

The Aggies carried momentum from the first game into the second, scoring three runs in the first inning on solo home runs by Jonathan Brandon, Gray and two-run homerun by McElwain. The Aggies started the fifth inning with a home run by Austin Garret to continue pulling away from the Vikings, eventually winning the game 11 runs to one in seven innings.

On Sunday, April 28, the Aggies returned home to the Ranch to finish the series with Carl Albert State. After a scoreless first inning, Murray State College picked up where they left off two days earlier, scoring seven runs in the second inning on home runs by McElwain, Gray, Chris Lopez and Gehrig Octavio. The Aggies added eight more runs in the third inning to secure the 17-to-six victory over the Vikings.

In the final game of the series, the Aggies continued their history of scoring runs early and often against the Vikings thanks to four RBIs from Octavio to help lead Murray State College past Carl Albert State College 18 to three. Octavio drove in runs on a triple in the second, a home run in the third, and a single in the fourth. The Aggies also launched two home runs in the game. Octavio had a four-run home run in the third inning and Gray added a one-run home run in the fourth inning. Murray State pulled away early, scoring two runs in the first and third innings, six runs in the second, and eight runs in the fourth inning to complete their sweep of the Vikings and improve to a 25-23 record for the season.



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Upcoming Events

Finals Week

May 6th -10th

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- Commencement Rehearsal
Fletcher Auditorium, 12:15 p.m.
- Yoga
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.



THURSDAY, MAY 9

- Fitness Center closes for Summer, 1 p.m.
- Commencement
Admin. Bldg. Lawn, 7 p.m.

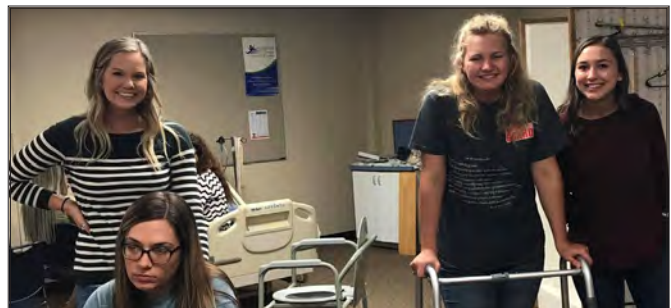
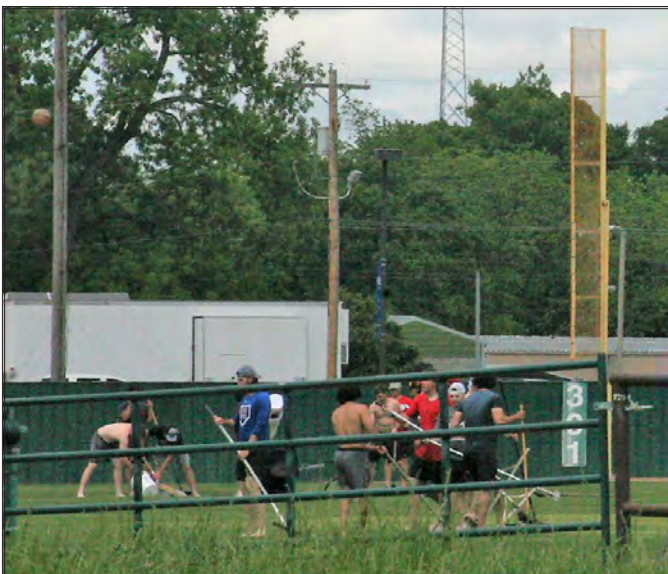
FRIDAY, MAY 10

- Housing closes for Summer, 5 p.m.



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Last Week in Photos...



Special News

Murray State College to hold commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 9, 2019

Murray State College will hold a commencement ceremony for Fall 2018, Spring 2019 and Summer 2019 graduates on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7 p.m. on the Tishomingo campus north lawn. This year's commencement speaker will be Oklahoma Senator and MSC graduate, The Honorable Chris Kidd from Waurika.

"We are extremely honored to have Senator Kidd as this year's commencement speaker. It will be a pleasure to welcome him back to Murray State College," said President Joy McDaniel.

With over 400 graduates and 1,000 people expected to attend, family and friends are encouraged to bring folding chairs or other seating to the outdoor ceremony. Seating for graduates will be provided, along with some seating for guests.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony for graduates with Associate in Applied Science or Associate in Arts degrees will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Fletcher Auditorium. The ceremony for graduates with Associate in Science degrees will follow at approximately 7-7:30 p.m. Seating in Fletcher Auditorium will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

If weather changes are made, a notice will be posted on the MSC website at mscok.edu by 2 p.m. on May 9. Under the inclement weather plan, all students, family and friends will assemble in Campus Center as a holding location for the upcoming ceremonies.

Information updates can be found on the MSC website at mscok.edu. Specific questions may be directed to the communication office at 580-387-7123.

Gun range named in honor of former MSC Gunsmithing Program Chair Dean Arnold

The Murray State College Board of Regents paid tribute to Dean Arnold, former gunsmithing faculty member and program chair, by renaming the college's gun range in his honor at their April meeting in Tishomingo.

Arnold, who served as MSC's Gunsmithing Program Chair from 1989 until he retired in 2009, was the driving force behind creation of the gun range. He mobilized local law enforcement personnel to petition the college's president to create the gunsmithing program as well as a shooting range to improve the classroom experience for students.

"It is a great honor to bring this recognition to Mr. Dean Arnold," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

"He committed his heart and soul to make this dream a reality, even recruiting his children and wife as members of the work crew. Without Dean Arnold's passion and determination to build a gun range at MSC, the project most likely would have remained on the drawing board," added McDaniel.

Professor Arnold secured \$120,000 in donations for construction of the gun range and oversaw all aspects of the project including design, surveying, dirt work, planting grass, building the range house and cutting the road leading to the range. A resolution signed by members of the Board of Regents, stated that "In recognition and honor of Professor Arnold's vision and leadership, the MSC Gun Range will forever hereafter be known officially as the Murray State College Dean Arnold Gun Range."

In addition to implementing the gunsmithing program and overseeing creation of the gun range, Professor Arnold used his passion and commitment to bring about an affiliation between Murray State College and the National Rifle Association. This NRA partnership has allowed MSC to offer gunsmithing and law enforcement armorer courses each summer since 1994. Short-term summer NRA courses regularly include students and law enforcement officials from across the U.S. and other countries.



Dean Arnold (center, holding certificate) is joined by MSC President Joy McDaniel (front left) and MSC Regents

Special News

Remember to schedule finals in Testing Center ASAP

Main Campus Testers:

To provide a more streamlined process for our testing population, we ask that all students taking final exams please enter the main entrance of the Library-Science Building. The east and west entrances will be closed from Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 10th. Students will be processed for final exams in the hallway by the Chemistry Lab (LS 105) prior to entering the Testing Center.

Ardmore Campus Testers:

All students taking finals will be processed on the second floor of the University Center hallway prior to entering the Testing Center.

Testing Center hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the Tishomingo campus and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Ardmore campus during the week of finals (with the exception of Thursday, May 9th). Both campuses will be closing at noon on Thursday, May 9th so testing coordinators may attend commencement.

Students will not be allowed to take extra books, cell phones, purses, jackets, etc. into the main testing areas. Proof of ID will be required of all students.

Please make final exam appointments via the link below:

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Better Together

by Dr. Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez

It has been both a challenge and an honor to write the “Better Together” columns throughout this first year. We hope that the column and the discussions that grew from it have been able to open minds to differences in the way we all believe and help us learn to respect varying beliefs. Present day news reports seem to be full of horrors: mosques bombed, black churches burned, and synagogues attacked. What this coverage never seems to present are the steps individuals and groups are taking to live in harmony with different religious and cultural groups that occupy the same spaces. For the most part, we all get along, we learn from each other, and as a rule at their basic elements, all these varying belief systems encourage human kindness. In the absence of hearing these stories in the media, we look to interfaith activities to teach us those lessons and discover these stories.

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This column will go on a hiatus until the fall when we will begin another year of being “Better Together.” Throughout this time, we will be making plans for new and exciting activities to help expand our understanding of others. So as we return next semester, plan to read the AggieLite to keep informed on how you can participate. In the meantime, however you choose to work, celebrate, or relax over the summer, the interfaith council sends wishes of peace, joy, happiness, love, friendship, and lots of good food! And good luck everyone with finals.

AGGIE ATHLETICS

MSC Baseball defeats Redlands CC following soggy start to the week

Coming off an impressive four-game sweep of the Carl Albert State Vikings last weekend, the Murray State College Baseball Team prepared for a home/away series against Redlands Community College Thursday, May 2. Following thunderstorms and torrential rain the evening of May 1, games were postponed and the team spent their afternoon working to rid the field of pooling water and puddles in hopes the pair of games could be played. Fortunately, the field had dried out enough for the Aggies to take on Redlands Community College in a double header on Saturday May 4.



In the second inning of the first game, Murray State College took the lead on a single by Cody Norris which scored two runs. The next two at bats brought a single by Mason Brinkley to drive in Norris and a single by Gehrige Octavio to bring home Brinkley and expand the Aggie lead to four runs.

Sophomore Raygan Dodd was on the mound for Murray State College, shutting out Redlands and allowing only six hits over seven innings, striking out six and walking one. He threw 66 strikes in 94 pitches, throwing a complete game shutout and leading the Aggies to a four-to-zero victory.

The second game saw the Aggies open up scoring in the first inning when Jake Gray singled on the first pitch of the at bat, driving in freshman Richie Alonzo. Redlands Community College took the lead in the top of the third inning on a two-run home run. In the bottom of the fifth inning, a single by Hunter Watson to score Austin Garrett and a Chris Lopez sacrifice fly to score Matt McElwain helped the Aggies retake the lead. After a run by Redlands in the top of the seventh inning, the game was tied at three runs. Cody Norris singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run and on the next at bat a single by Brinkley allowed Lopez to score. The Aggies maintained their lead through the next two innings to complete the sweep of Redlands at the Ranch and secure its sixth straight victory with a six-to-four-run win.

Cole Shinsky started on the mound for Murray State College, allowing five hits and three runs over six and a third innings, striking out 11. The Aggies totaled 15 hits in the game. Garrett, Watson, Brinkley, Norris, Lopez, and Gray all managed multiple hits for Murray State. Garrett went three-for-five at the plate to lead the Aggies in hits. Murray State College was also sure handed in the field and didn't commit a single error.

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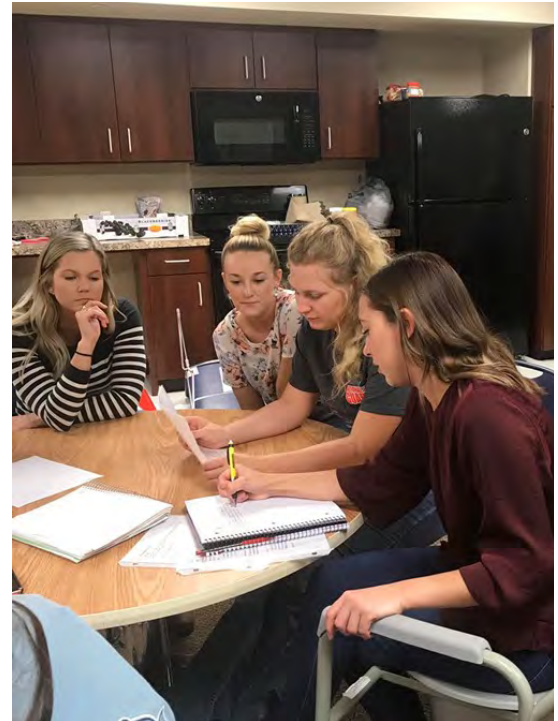
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